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## MR. HULL'S URGE FOR SPEEDY SUPPLY OF WAR MATERIALS TO BRITAIN IS WELCOMED BY AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS

THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL'S STATEMENT BEFORE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ON THE AMERICAN AID TO BRITAIN BILL, WHEN HE URGED FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR SUPPLYING WAR MATERIALS TO BRITAIN, HAS RECEIVED A GREAT DISPLAY IN THE AMERICAN PRESS, STATES A MESSAGE FROM LONDON.

The emphasis with which Mr. Hull declared that, unless the United States rapidly turns herself into an arsenal, she may be too late to save herself, has caused a deep impression.

THE NEW YORK TIMES says: "No one can accuse Mr. Hull of an attempt at war-mongering. He is the strongest advocate of non-intervention and of the functions of International Law."

THE NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE states: "The totalitarian attack is real. Strategic facts are real and the importance of Britain for the preservation of the United States, is a reality. These are facts, which the Secretary of State placed before the Committee and we cannot face facts half-way."

## Financing Of Orders For War Supplies

British wireless states that some interesting details on the financing of the orders for war supplies placed by Britain in the United States were laid before the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury. MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU.

They showed that Britain had paid for and taken delivery of £331,750,000 worth of material by Jan. 1, and Britain would need £754,750,000 to pay for the purchases of this year.

Of that sum, £366,000,000 would be in excess of British "dollar funds" available for buying in the United States.

## JAPAN COMPLETELY ENCIRCLED BY ANGLO-U.S. INFLUENCE

The Japanese Press reports uneasiness over the Japanese new order in the Far East, states a London message. The Yomiuri Shimbun referring to the strengthening of HONGKONG and SINGAPORE states that it is no exaggeration to say that Japan is completely encircled by Anglo-American influence. Japan should go ahead and seek the only way out of her difficulty.

In a reference to Indo-China, the paper refers to the growing influence of General de Gaulle's supporters in that territory and urges a nationwide drive to bring home to the Japanese people the seriousness of the position.

According to an Australian message, the newspapers in that country give prominence to the words used by Mr. Matsukata, the Japanese Foreign Minister in an interview which he granted to the Australian Press on Wednesday.

NO NEW DISCOVERY

THE SIDNEY MORNING POST states that its readers can find no new discovery or any great contributions to the understanding

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Comment has also come from MR. HENRY FORD, who in the past has displayed strong isolationist tendency. He said that his great industrial organisation would do everything possible to help the President.

The isolationists in the country are attempting to revive the argument that it is not worth adopting President Roosevelt's plan, because in any case, American aid could not arrive Britain in time to help her by the spring.

President Roosevelt's supporters state that Britain with such aid as already reaching her, was confident of being able to repel Herr Hitler's attempts and could gain a quick decision whenever and if ever he made it. It was for the counter-offensive that the great weight of American war industry was necessary.

### WHOLE COURSE

The partnership was not designed merely to meet an emergency in the next few weeks or months, but for the whole course of the war and for the whole reconstruction of the world.

This was the reason why Lord Halifax was appointed British Ambassador to the United States and Sir Gerald Campbell, at present British High Commissioner in Canada, as Minister to Washington.

Sir Gerald's appointment has been generally welcomed and he will take up his duties on the arrival of Lord Halifax.

### NINETY PER CENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—Great Britain is now getting 90 per cent. of America's production of fighter planes as President Roosevelt's 50-50 rule of the thumb has been set aside, stated the Washington correspondent of the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE.

Practically all of the November production went abroad. The correspondent adds that as a result of this new policy less than 40 planes were delivered to the United States Army in the last quarter of 1940.

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## CENTENARY LOYALTY MESSAGE

At the commencement of the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, His Excellency the Acting Governor, LT.-GEN. E. F. NORTON, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., moved that the following message be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for transmission to His Majesty the King:

That the Legislative Council of this Colony, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the Colony's foundation, humbly renews the expression of its loyalty to the Throne, and its devotion to the Empire's cause.

HON. MR. J. J. PATERSON (Senior Unofficial Member):

Sir, I have very great pleasure in seconding that.

HON. MR. M. K. LO: Sir, on behalf of my Chinese colleagues and myself, I desire most respectfully to associate ourselves with the resolution.

## CITRINE TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the Trade Union Congress, is being invited to visit Australia, according to an announcement of the Commonwealth Information Department. Last month Sir Walter visited the United States where he addressed various meetings.

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## SOME TIME BEFORE WILHELMSHAVEN CAN RESUME WAR WORK

It will be some time before WILHELMSHAVEN can resume its war work, stated a London message yesterday, when announcing a heavy attack delivered on the town by R.A.F. bombers. This was the third attack in seven days, and the main objective was shipbuilding yards.

Wilhelmshaven has been raided 40 times already, but in Wednesday's night attack, the port was hit harder than on any previous occasions.

The crew were killed, except a man who baled out.

This man knocked at the door of a house and called out: "German, German." The inmates of the house took him in and informed the authorities. He was taken to hospital and was seen to be wearing the Iron Cross.

BUILDING DEMOLISHED

London's fire-fighters prevented another fire raid on LONDON in dealing with the incendiaries dropped by the raiders, who also dropped some explosives, but the casualties were not heavy. Most of the casualties occurred in one building, which was demolished by a bomb.

Several EAST COAST and MID-LANDS towns were also raided, but throughout the country the damage was not extensive.

According to Reuter, an Italian communiqué states that British planes on Wednesday night bombed CATANIA.

Material damage was stated to have been small, but there are some casualties.

Catania airport is believed to be one of the bases, from which German dive-bombers attacked the British aircraft-carrier ILLUSTRIOUS. This airport was bombed by the R.A.F. on Sunday two days after the attack on the ILLUSTRIOUS began.

GEN. WU TE-CHEN IN RANGOON

ATHENS, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—A Chinese goodwill mission headed by General Wu Te-chen, Minister for Overseas Affairs, arrived today and was given an enthusiastic reception.

## Ex-China Station Submarine Sinks Italian Supply Ships

News of a further British success in the Mediterranean was announced in London yesterday when it was stated that the British submarine PANDORA (well-known on the China Station) had sunk two Italian supply ships each of 5,000 tons.

One of the ships was carrying a cargo of motor vehicles.

The Admiralty announced yesterday that H.M.S. Southampton (9,000 tons) which was damaged in the Mediterranean action has now become a total loss.

Fire broke out on board as a result of the damage and reached such proportions that the vessel had to be abandoned and she was sunk by the R.A.F.

## FULL STORY OF HOW ILLUSTRIOUS FOUGHT OFF DETERMINED ATTACK BY NAZI BOMBERS

A correspondent who was on board H.M. AIRCRAFT-CARRIER ILLUSTRIOUS has now told the full story of how the ship fought off the most determined attack made by German dive-bombers, states a London message.

He declared that 14 or 15 German planes dropped 100, 1,000lb. bombs in a desperate attempt to sink the ship. The correspondent said that he himself was in the mess room, when a heavy bomb exploded on the flight deck.

## GERMANY WILL TRY TO IMPOSE PEACE ON GREEKS BY TAKING ACTION IN BULGARIA

The suggestions that the Germans will try to impose a peace on the Greeks by taking action in Bulgaria, and that they will first occupy Bulgaria, and then threaten Greece, are made in an Australian message.

A Turkish paper, according to a message from London, discusses the suggestion that German troops might be sent to Bulgaria and declares that such an intention would not fail to upset everything in that area.

The Turkish paper goes on to add that it would be a mistake that Soviet neutrality would remain unaffected by such arbitrary methods.

The Moscow Radio has repeated the official denial that Russia had consented to the movements of German troops into Bulgaria.

Reports are still being received in London from various sources that Germans have been entering Bulgaria by the hundreds as tourists and commercial travellers, but the Bulgarian Government has denied that any foreign troops have entered the country, or that she has made any protest in this connexion.

### MUST BE READY

Another comment states that Bulgaria may have to be overcome by force and adds that Bulgaria must be ready for sacrifices at any moment.

The British successes in the Mediterranean have been responsible for keeping Bulgaria out of the war and have also safeguarded the balance in the Far East.

### GREEKS CAPTURE PRISONERS

ATHENS, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—Successful local encounters and capture of prisoners and much material are reported in Wednesday night's communiqué.

According to reliable reports, the last two Albanian battalions to be staffed by the Italians have been disbanded, as the Italians are no longer able to rely on their obedience.

The Albanians, it is said, are becoming more openly hostile.

## New Type Of Barbed Wire

A new type of barbed wire is being produced in Australia. It is the invention of a young Adelaide man, says an Australian message, and it CANNOT BE BROKEN UP BY BOMBING ATTACKS.

The Australian Army is now being supplied with field engineering equipment made in Australia. All manufacturing plants are working overtime to supply the Army with such equipment as collapsible boats, searchlights and signalling apparatus, etc.

Two of his friends were sentenced to deportation in Germany.

Another victim of German oppression in Belgium is a lady well known in Brussels society, who was sentenced to two years imprisonment for pro-British activities.

## NAZI OPPRESSION IN BELGIUM

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—News has been received in London from reliable sources to the effect that a well-known Belgian industrialist from Ghent has been shot by the Germans for aiding British fugitives, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Most of the equipment on order is pouring into Army stores and large quantities will also be sold overseas after the A.I.F. needs have been fully met.

# \$7,553,776 DEFICIT IS REVEALED IN RECORD COLONY BUDGET: ESTATE DUTY TO BE INCREASED: TABLE WATERS TAX

## Proposed Reconstitution Of War Revenue Committee

Introducing a record budget for 1941-42 in the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the FINANCIAL SECRETARY (HON. MR. H. R. BUTTERS) announced that the estimates amounted in all to \$62,389,776 inclusive of \$12,300,274 specially classed as war expenditure.

**THE ESTIMATED REVENUE IS \$54,836,000, \$45,536,000 FROM ORDINARY SOURCES, AND \$9,300,000 FROM WAR TAXATION, LEAVING A DEFICIT OF \$7,553,776," said Mr. Butters.**

The deficit would be reduced by \$3,500,000 by increased duties on heavy oils and liquors, increased entertainment tax, Estate Duty and a new tax on table waters, including Sarsaparilla and Lemonade.

"It appears to me that there remains one way only to meet the remaining deficit which represents roughly the excess of war expenditure over war revenue and that is by increasing the war taxation," said Mr. Butters.

The Financial Secretary announced that it was proposed to reconstitute the War Revenue Committee and to refer the matter of revised war taxation to them for re-examination and advice.

The Financial Secretary said: "I rise to move the resolution standing in my name."

A detailed exposition of the financial position 1939, 1940-41 and the estimates for 1941-42 is contained in the memorandum already in the hands of Honourable Members.

Let me first summarise that financial position. We closed the year 1939 and entered the year 1940 with a general reserve balance of \$17,091,170, a handsome sum, but largely a nominal one. Most of the money had already been expended as advances in anticipation of loans. It was to improve the liquid position that Government in June last float the second tranche of the 1934 Dollar Loan of which Government itself took up \$5,790,000 and obtained cash to the extent of \$5,840,000. That reserve of \$17,000,000, it is hoped, will not be appreciably diminished at the end of the current 15 months; in fact the memorandum, perhaps a little optimistically, anticipates a small increase.

But it must be remembered that of the 17 million dollars with which we hope to commence the next financial year, the \$5,790,000 already referred to has only a paper existence and represents an accounting expedient to meet past expenditure from future revenue, while by the end of next year a total of over four million dollars will have advanced in anticipation of a future loan. The Real Reserve is, therefore, considerably short of the desired 10 million dollars which sum is based on past figures of revenue and expenditure and is inadequate in present circumstances, being less than two months contemplated expenditure for next year.

I have dealt with this matter of reserves at the outset to anticipate, and I hope prevent, any suggestion that we have an adequate hump on which we can draw if necessary to meet any deficit in respect of next year. We have in fact a nominal reserve of 17 million dollars, a real reserve of about 7 million and a public debt of 27 million.

### WAR EXPENDITURE

I will now refer to the current 15 months and I do not propose to quote detailed figures, all of which are set out in the memorandum. Suffice it to say that the estimate of ordinary revenue approximated to that of ordinary expenditure, while the proposed separate war budget gave place to a new head entitled War Expenditure. I shall deal with War Revenue and expenditure first.

### ADVERTISEMENT

#### THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB

The January Race Meeting will be held at Areea Preta, Macao on Sunday, 19th January, 1941, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Admission to Members' Enclosure: \$1; Public Stand: 50 cents.

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Hong Kong, 15th January, 1941.

## POSSESSION OF FORGED YUAN NOTES

Without retiring a jury, comprising Messrs. G. B. Witchell (Foreman), Fang Chu-chun, F. H. J. A. Lafleur, Frau van Trong, G. Flory, A. R. Tavares and L. W. Pavri, returned a unanimous verdict of Guilty against Chan Hung who was arraigned before Mr. Justice Williams, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, on a charge of possession of forged 10-yuan notes of the Bank of Communications, knowing same to be forged. Fifteen months' hard labour was imposed.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan, prosecuted.

Mr. Reynolds said that accused was accosted by District Watchman Lee Kwal in Hillier Street and the notes were found in a box.

Accused, in a statement from the dock, said that he had pleaded guilty all along, and would only ask his Lordship to deal with him leniently. His friend, went on accused, gave him the box which the friend said, contained shoes.

### BOUND OVER

Found guilty on a charge of uttering a forged banknote at the last Sessions, Leung Yin, woman, and Mak Kun-sing, were bound over by the Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Leung and Mak, together with another woman, Kwok Fong, who was sentenced last Sessions, were charged with uttering a forged \$100 of the Chartered Bank of India, China and Australia, at the Milton Institute, on Nov. 25.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, appeared for the accused.

and \$9,300,000 from war taxation, leaving a deficit of \$7,553,776.

### LIGHTHOUSE TENDER

There is one item in the draft estimates, namely a lighthouse tender for the Harbour Department, estimated to cost \$600,000, the building of which would in any case be conditional on happier times and the cessation of other expenditure. Omitting this item, therefore, from the estimates we are faced with a deficit of roughly seven million dollars.

There have been two major considerations in framing the estimates, first defence, secondly civil services. Defence it is submitted must in present circumstances come first, but it is also submitted that in the present financial position of this Colony social must not be allowed to lag behind, nor even to stand still, but should advance so far as circumstances permit.

The major items in the defence budget for next year are 4 million dollars for the completion of the programme for the construction of tunnels, concrete pens, etc., for the protection of the civil population against air attack and \$5,220,000 for the construction of vessels to be presented to the Admiralty and War Department, in respect of which no expenditure has been incurred during the present year.

No specific provision has been made for cash gifts to H. M. Government as these will depend on the financial position during the course of the year, but I venture to submit that in meeting from its own resources the relatively large local defence programme undertaken under Your Excellency's direction this Colony has made a definite contribution to the defence of the Empire.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Regarding social services it is my firm belief that economic development must precede and be the basis of social welfare and these draft estimates include provision for a Fisheries Research Station, and an Experimental Agricultural Station in the New Territories.

Provision for the building of the Fisheries Research Station was included in the printed estimates for the current year when it was anticipated that the cost would be met by a grant from the Colonial Development Fund. During the year a nucleus staff has been engaged with the approval of this

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## HOLIDAYS BILL PASSED

A Bill to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1932, was read a second and third time and passed at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday.

A Bill to amend the Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1939 (the object of which is to put an end to a ticket selling racket) and a Bill to amend the Entertainments Tax Ordinance, 1930, were read a first time.

### THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton), His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Maj.-Gen. A. E. Gaskell), Hon. the Colonial Secretary (Mr. N. L. Smith), Hon. the Attorney General (Mr. C. G. Alabaster), Hon. the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Mr. R. A. C. North), Hon. the Financial Secretary (Mr. H. R. Butters), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrile, Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jun., Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. C. Branwell Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

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### ANOTHER TITLE FOR HARVEY

Cpl. J. H. Harvey, of the R. A. M. C., competed his double last evening when he beat S. Q. M. S. Wood by 500 to 378 points in the Garrison Individual billiards

## FOOTBALL FIXTURES AT HOME

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, Jan. 18:

**LONDON CUP SECTION A**  
Aldershot v. Queen's P.R.  
Brentford v. Chelsea  
Fulham v. Crystal Pal.

**SECTION B**

Arsenal v. West Ham  
Millwall v. Tottenham  
Reading v. Clapton C.

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)**

Bournemouth v. Watford  
Brighton v. Southampton  
Southend v. Portsmouth

**MIDLAND CUP**

Lincoln v. Nottingham  
Notts County v. West Brom.  
**WEST RIDING CUP (1ST ROUND)**

Halifax v. Huddersfield

**WEST RIDING CUP (SEMI-FINAL)**

Middlesbrough v. Bradford

**LANCASHIRE CUP**

Bolton v. Manchester U.

Chester v. New Brighton

Everton v. Burnley

Manchester C. v. Blackpool

**SHEFFIELD CUP (SEMI-FINAL)**

Doncaster v. Sheffield U.

**NORTH REGIONAL**

Bradford C. v. Barnsley

Grimsby v. Sheffield W.

Hull v. Leeds

Newcastle v. York

Oldham v. Liverpool

Southport v. Rochdale

**SOUTH REGIONAL**

Cardiff v. Bristol

Leicester v. Mansfield

Northampton v. Luton

**REGIONAL MATCH**

Stoke v. Preston

**OTHER MATCHES**

All Bristol XI v. Football League XI

championship at the Soldiers' Club.

Notable breaks were: Harvey: 21, 24, 31, 24 and Wood: 22, 23, 21, 21.

## B.F.R.D.C. Receipts And Payments From July To Dec., 1940

The summary of receipts and payment of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China (Hongkong and South China branch) from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1940, is as follows:

### RECEIPTS

To balance brought forward being cash at bank at June 30, 1940, as per last account, \$72,316.54; To subscriptions and donations from July 1, 1940, to Dec. 31, 1940, in accordance with certificate of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$36,169.46; To Bank interest, \$236.50; Total \$108,722.50.

### PAYMENTS

By Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China.

For hospital at Liuchow, \$3,500; On behalf of the Canton International Red Cross Service Corps (maintenance of Corps, July-Dec. 1940), \$10,000; For Canton Y.W.C.A. for relief in Chungshan district (Aug., Sept. and Oct., 1940), \$2,100; Medical relief centres in North, Kwangtung and K'ungs; and three training centres for refugees and the dependents of soldiers' families in Kwangsi, \$20,000; For medical training school and orthopaedic centre at Liyang and Red Cross relief work in 1941, \$10,000; For drugs for the Swabie-Hoifung districts, \$500; For Canton Y.W.C.A. for relief in Chungshan district, in Nganhang, Tsui Hang and Macao (Nov. and Dec. 1940, and Jan., 1941) \$2,100.

By Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council: Food kitchens, \$5,000.

By Hock Shan Traders' Association: For medical relief in Hock Shan district, Kwangtung province, \$1,000.

By Rev. H. A. Wittenbach: For relief in Chungshan district (July-Dec., 1940), \$6,000.

By stationery and cheque book, \$18.50.

By balance being cash at bank at Dec. 31, 1940, as per bank cert. Dec. 1940, and Jan., 1941) \$2,100.

### AUDITORS THANKED

The Board of Administrators of the Fund express their appreciation and gratitude to Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming for having undertaken the audit of the accounts of the Fund free of charge.

## BUSY YEAR FOR FIRE BRIGADE

The formation of the Auxiliary Fire Service in July 1939 in one of the principal activities mentioned in the annual report of the Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, tabled in Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

It was decided to recruit a total of 300 members instead of the 100 members approved in the Estimates, in view of the political situation, and Mr. D. H. Blake was appointed Superintendent.

### 292 CALLS

The number of calls received by the Brigade during 1939 totalled 292. There were 198 actual fires, 58 chimney fires, eight collapses, two landslides and 20 false alarms.

There was an increase of 47 calls over 1938. Of the false alarms, the report states that three were maliciously given, seven were given with good intent and 16 were due to electrical faults in the street fire alarm system.

The 12 motor ambulances maintained by the Brigade attended altogether 11,592 cases during the year.

### CHINESE HOSPITAL IN IPOH

The nursing staff of the Perak Chinese Hospital in Ipoh will reach its full complement with the arrival, shortly, of a staff nurse from Queen Mary Hospital, Hongkong, making in all three staff nurses and one matron.

Since the removal of the hospital to its present spacious quarters in Kampar Road, the hospital has been undergoing certain innovations.

The first of these was the appointment of an advisory committee, composed almost entirely of private practitioners, in this town.

The advisory committee has made certain recommendations which are being carried out, one of them being the employment of fully trained staff nurses, in addition to the probationary midwives.

There is at present a matron

who was a staff nurse in the Perak Medical Department. She is assisted by two other staff nurses.

one from the Perak Medical Department and the other from St. Andrew's Hospital, Singapore.

The third staff nurse, from Queen Mary Hospital, Hongkong, is expected to arrive shortly.

The recommendation by the advisory committee for a resident doctor, a fresh graduate from Singapore on a temporary basis, has

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## COMING EVENTS

JAN.  
17—Tides: High 12.37 p.m. and 11:56 p.m. Low 8:11 a.m. and 5:25 p.m. Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.; Sunset: 6:01 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Farewell Reception to Miss S. F. Sutton, 157, The Peak. 4:30 p.m. Y.M.C.A.: Mixed Swimming; Badminton.

Cheers Club: Darts and Table-Tennis.

Sailors' Home and Mission to Seamen: Seafarers' Dance, 9 p.m.

Charity Performance at French Convent, Causeway Bay. 5:30 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, D.O. South 11 a.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, First Aid Lecture, Headquarters. 5:30 p.m.

Practical Class, 4:30 p.m.

18—Tides: High 12.34 p.m. Low 6:48 a.m. and 6:21 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.; Sunset: 6:02 p.m. H.E. the Acting Governor to Broadcast on Colonial Centenary. 8:03 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club: Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

H.K. War Effort Committee, Flag Day.

Octave for Reunion of the Churches.

19—Tides: High 12.49 a.m. and 2:12 p.m. Low 8:11 a.m. and 7:29 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:03 a.m.; Sunset: 6:03 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

Film Evening.

Macao Jockey Club, January Meeting.

Golf: Junior Championship—First Round.

20—Tides: High 1:54 a.m. and 3:03 p.m. Low 8:11 a.m. and 9:11 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.; Sunset: 6:03 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

Whist Drive, 8:30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Crown Land Sale, F.W.D., 3 p.m.

Saiyungpun Vernacular School for Boys, Prize Day, 11 a.m.

21—Tides: High 3:22 a.m. and 4:09 p.m. Low 8:58 a.m. and 11:07 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.; Sunset: 6:04 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Entries close for Panning Hunt and Race Club's February Meeting, 12 noon.

22—Tides: High 4:58 a.m. and 5:10 p.m. Low 8:56 a.m.

Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.; Sunset: 6:05 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Benefit Performance at King's Theatre in aid of Kunming Mission Hospital, 9:30 p.m.

23—Tides: High 6:40 a.m. and 6:12 p.m. Low 12:37 a.m. and 11:02 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.; Sunset: 6:05 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

24—Tides: High 8:04 a.m. and 7:07 p.m. Low 1:37 a.m. and 12:07 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.; Sunset: 6:06 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Asia Lands, Ltd., annual meeting, Mercantile Bank Bldg., 2nd floor, Club, 8:15 p.m.

Old Cheltonian annual dinner, H.K. Queen's College, Prize Day, 11 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

25—Tides: High 9:06 a.m. and 7:53 p.m. Low 2:24 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.; Sunset: 6:07 p.m.

Queen's College Prize Day, 11 a.m.

26—Tides: High 9:49 a.m. and 8:45 p.m. Low 3:04 a.m. and 1:47 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.; Sunset: 6:08 p.m.

Claims against estate of Charlotte Elizabeth Hastings due.

Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

27—Tides: High 10:27 a.m. and 9:27 p.m. Low 3:39 a.m. and 2:38 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.; Sunset: 6:09 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Whist Drive, 8:30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

28—Tides: High 11:03 a.m. and 10:08 p.m. Low 4:13 a.m. and 3:17 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.; Sunset: 6:09 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

29—Tides: High 11:34 a.m. and 10:42 p.m. Low 4:47 a.m. and 3:57 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.; Sunset: 6:16 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

30—Tides: High 11:03 a.m. and 10:08 p.m. Low 4:13 a.m. and 3:17 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.; Sunset: 6:09 p.m.

H.K. Committee for Student Relief Charity Bazaar, St. Paul's College, Pedder Hill.

## SAINT TAKES OVER

With a thrilling story of mystery and adventure as its basis, RKO Radio's "The Saint Takes Over" reveals itself as the best of the mimic exploits of the noted Leslie Charteris character, at the Majestic Theatre yesterday.

As in previous offering, George Sanders plays the suave and debonair "Saint" whose activities baffle both the police and the leading crooks of two continents, while Jonathan Hale again portrays Inspector Fernack of the New York Police Department, and Wendy Barrie a mystery girl.

The plot of the new film, which marks the fifth time The Saint has come to the screen, deals with an ingenious "frame-up" contrived to discredit Fernack and end his embarrassing investigation of a criminal ring.

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8:00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8:03 Studio-Saxophone Recital by Palapo with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. Concerto in E Minor (Gurewich)

—1st Mov.—Maestoso; 2nd Mov.: Andante Sostenuto; 3rd Mov.: Presto.

2. "Ilona" Hungarian Czardas (Gurewich)

8:23 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

One Alone (from "The Desert Song")

Romberg: When You're Away (The Only Girl)—Herbert.

8:30 London Relay—"Theatreland".

9:00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9:30 London Relay—Talk: "Books and People."

9:45 Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana".

Characters and Soloists in order of

appearances: Turiddu, a young soldier — Giovanni Battista (Tenor); Santuzza, a village girl — Della Sanzio (Soprano); Lucia, mother of Turiddu — Olga De Franco (Contralto); Alceste — Piero Blasini (Baritone); Lola, wife of Alceste — Pantaleoni (Mezzo-Soprano) with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.

11:00 Close down.

2:15 Close down.

3:45 Indian Programme.

6:30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6:32 The Hill Billies (Vocal) and the London Piano-Accordion Band.

The Little Mountain Cabin (Kennedy and Carr) — The Hill Billies with Novelty Accomp. The Cubanero (Cuban Rhythm Dance—Sanz & Others); Campus Moon (Coots & Others) — London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus; Good-Night (Cordier & Others); When the Harvest Moon Is Shining (Stevens) — The Hill Billies with Novelty accomp. There'll Never Be Another You (Woods) — London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus. Jump On The Wagon — The Hill Billies with Novelty Accomp. Log.

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary

Full Bulletin ..... 4:00 p.m.

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## MR. CORDELL HULL AND PACIFIC "NEW ORDER"

### LEASE AND LEND BILL BEFORE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—"The proposed so-called new order in the Pacific means domination by one country to the exclusion of the interests of other nations," declared Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, who was the first witness to testify before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives when it began its examination of the Lease and Lend Bill to aid Britain.

Such a programme for the subjugation and exploitation of so many people by one nation was of great concern to the entire world, Mr. Hull continued. Nevertheless, the United States had tried to show Japan that her best interest would be in friendly relations with the United States.

Mr. Hull declared also: "Control of the high seas by low-abiding nations is the key to the security of the Western Hemisphere."

Mr. Hull described the Bill as one which would enable the United States to allocate its resources "in ways best calculated to provide for the security of this nation and this continent."

"It will do all these things in the speediest possible manner," he added. "And overwhelming speed is our greatest need today."

#### SURVEY OF SITUATION

In a comprehensive survey of the international situation, Mr. Hull declared that Germany, Japan and Italy had made abundantly clear their determination to repudiate and destroy the very foundations of civilised world order under law and to enter upon the road of armed conquest, of subjugation of other nations and tyrannical rule over their victims."

Emphasising the importance of control of the high seas, Mr. Hull said that should the members of the tripartite pact gain that control, "the danger to our country, great as it is today, would be multiplied manifold."

"Were Britain defeated, were she to lose the command of the seas, Germany could easily cross the Atlantic, especially the South Atlantic unless we were ready and able to do what Britain is doing now. Were the Atlantic to fall under German control, that ocean would offer little or no assurance of security."

#### MAXIMUM AID URGED

Mr. Hull urged the importance of giving the maximum material assistance to Britain and other countries fighting the Axis.

Replying to questions such as whether repairing bellicose vessels in United States ports would be a violation of International Law, Mr. Hull said, "The question is whether in the face of the universally recognised movement to invade and conquer, peaceful nations shall wait until the invader crosses their boundary lines or whether they shall recognise that this is a world movement of conquest and invoke the law of self-defence before it is too late."

In his testimony, Mr. Hull made one of the strongest condemnations of Japanese expansionist policy yet uttered by the Administration.

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## MUSSOLINI A FOUR-FLUSHER?

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—It is only natural to wonder whether Mister Mussolini, despite his rather distinguished career, is not something of a four-flusher himself—like Louis Napoleon, all gold braid, cockfeathers and horsefeathers," writes today the famous American publisher, William Randolph Hearst, in his newspapers.

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"You got to have something other than hot air to be a real leader."

## NO GROUND FOR PROTEST

### Mendoza Intercepted Outside 3-Mile Limit

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—No ground exists for a protest from Uruguay over the interception of the French steamer, Mendoza," declared a Ministry of Economic Warfare spokesman yesterday.

The Mendoza was intercepted outside the international three-mile limit by a British auxiliary cruiser, but the ship is reported to have drifted across it and returned to Montevideo.

It was disclosed that the Mendoza is one of five French ships which have been loading in River Plate ports, the other ships being the Katiola, Formose, Campala and Aurligny. No navicerts have been applied for and it is learned that there is no question of the British blockade being lifted in their favour should they decide to sail.

It was emphasised that all ships bound for Europe which are not provided with navicerts are liable to interception and detention. The British authorities have no information as regards the Mendoza's cargo but it is believed that the cargo comprises meat and wool.

"On the basis of British figures," the newspaper estimates that the British army in Libya has a superiority of almost two to one over the Italians.

"Judging by developments," it adds, "the British, with 100,000 men in the Sudan and a similar number in Kenya, intend to expand their activities in East Africa. These developments are of great importance in the African theatre of war and show the desire of the British to clean up the war in Africa in order to concentrate all efforts in the decisive European theatre."

In a broadcast statement he said: "Despite inferior numbers we are on top both in the Western Desert and Sudan."

He revealed that Indian casualties were only 28 killed and 78 wounded.

He declared he was deeply impressed by the Indian troops during his visits in Egypt and Sudan, especially by their extreme physical fitness, cheerfulness and the evidence of wholesome fear the fighting qualities of the Imperial troops had induced in the enemy.

## UNITED STATES NAVY TO BE STRENGTHENED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The United States Navy has asked Congress for authority to build 400 small vessels, including submarine chasers, minesweepers and torpedo boats.

Rear Admiral Samuel Robinson told the House Naval Committee yesterday that 280 of the vessels were "urgently needed" and that Congress will be asked immediately for \$310,000,000 for their construction.

#### A.A. DEFENCES

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives have unanimously recommended legislation to authorise strengthening of the anti-aircraft defences of the United States Fleet at a cost of \$300,000,000.

This would include installation aboard the larger warships of a new type of five-inch pom-pom gun to combat dive-bombers.

## GENERAL

## Abyssinian Tribes Uniting Under Standard Of Negus

KHARTOUM, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The revolt that has smouldered in Abyssinia over since the Italian conquest five years ago is bursting into flames. Encouraged by the news that Emperor Haile Selassie is only a few miles away across the frontier, patriotic warriors are rallying to his standard in all parts of the country.

Small independent bands which have hitherto harried Italy's isolated garrisons are beginning to unite against the common enemy. They are being supplied with arms and equipment for which grateful messages have been received.

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## KILLED WIFE BECAUSE OF THE BLEAK FUTURE

### PROFESSOR FACES MURDER CHARGE

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—

Professor Lloyd James was remanded a week in custody at the Hampstead Court yesterday when he was charged with the murder of his wife, a former noted violinist, who was found dead with wounds in her bedroom in their home on Tuesday.

The Police stated that the body was found and James was later arrested and charged with the murder. When cautioned, James said: "We were so happy I wanted her to die while she likes that."

Two scratches were found on James' left cheek and his shirt cuff was blood-stained. The Police seized a large fork, hammer and poker.

#### FAILING POWERS

James told the Police: "I thought my powers were failing and could not cope with my work. Rather than expect her to face the bleak future I decided she should die and not be asked to face it. I thought I would also kill myself."

Later, he said: "My brain will not function in court." James further said he did not think he had said that he would take his own life.

He appeared dazed in Court.

## SERIOUS PLIGHT OF ITALIANS

### BRITAIN TO CLEAN UP AFRICAN WAR

MOSCOW, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The serious plight of Italian troops in Africa is the subject of a long article in *Trud*, organ of the Soviet Trade Union.

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As part of a new Scotland Yard plan to stop looting specially selected men of the uniformed branch of the Metropolitan Police are to be temporarily attached for plain clothes duty with the C.I.D. Squads of plain clothes officers in wireless cars will be stationed at vantage points throughout London. They will be hurried to damaged property within a few minutes of the bomb falling.

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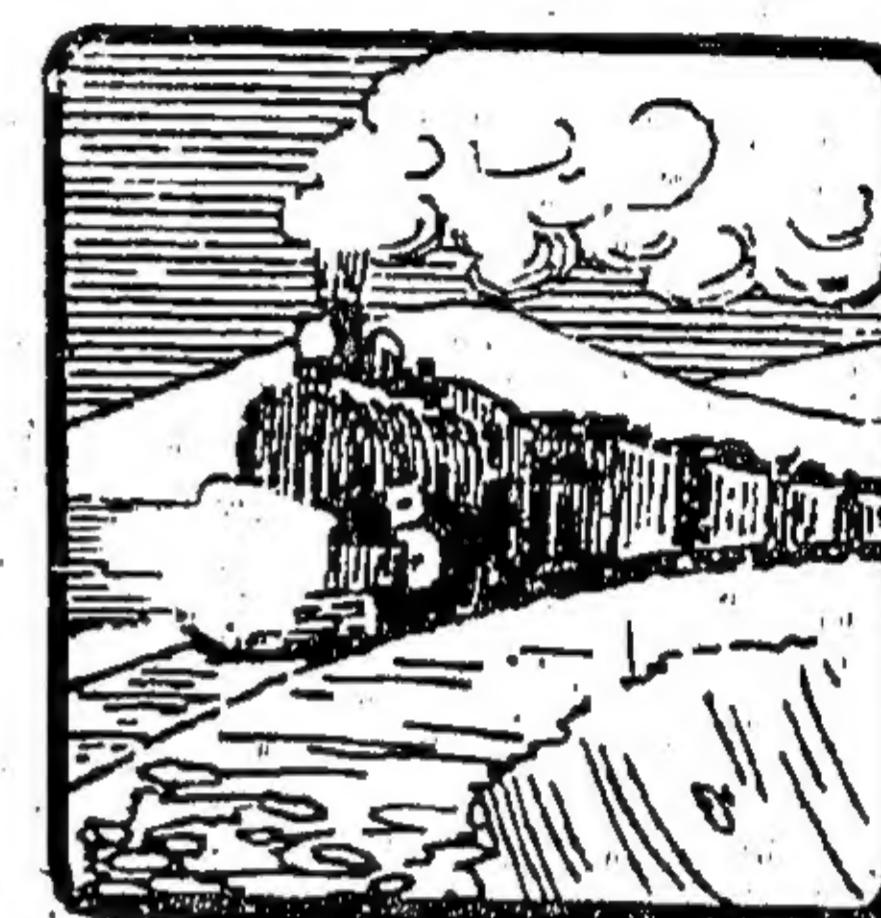
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BELGRADE, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—It is reported from Bucharest that General Antonescu has been urgently summoned by Berlin and has left by train yesterday.

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## COLONY BUDGET DEFICIT

Continued from Page 2

Council and it is now proposed to erect the building itself next year from Colonial funds. These schemes should not only improve the nutrition of the population of Hongkong but help to make the Colony more self-supporting in the matter of food supplies.

The draft estimates also include provision for the daily collection of nightsoil from the tenements in the urban area by labour directly employed by the Sanitary Department, in place of the present system under which the nightsoil is removed by freelance coolies employed by the householders. This scheme is sponsored by the Urban Council and strongly recommended by my Honourable friend the Director of Medical Services, who is Government's adviser in health matters.

The Urban Council has suggested, and Government favours the suggestion, that the additional annual expenditure of between four and five lakhs should be met by an increase of one per cent on the rates. The existing unsatisfactory arrangements are estimated to cost householders half-a-million dollars annually, and the proposal will relieve those concerned of that expenditure and spread it over the community generally, which seems only fair in so far as the sewers provided for those whose tenements have flush systems have been paid for likewise from taxation by the community as a whole.

## NEW MORTUARY

Provision has also been made for an Infectious Diseases Hospital, and a new Public Mortuary and Disinfecting Station, Kowloon, for a new block for the Central Police Station and new Police Stations at Kowloon Tong and Blue Pool Road.

The introduction of a new subsidy code for vernacular schools is reflected in additional expenditure in the Education Department; and Government has again felt it its duty to increase, this time to \$750,000, the subvention to the Tung Wah Hospitals. Considerable expenditure has been undertaken to provide an adequate cemetery for the Chinese population at Wo Hoy Shek near Fanling; and road maintenance and improvement will cost several lakhs.

Provision has also been made under a new head for the recently established Immigration Department, but while it is hoped that the control of Immigration will be self-supporting it is not intended that surplus revenue should be derived therefrom. All items of Public Works Extraordinary are explained in the notes by the Honourable Director of Public Works already in the hands of Honourable Members.

I am afraid all of these measures will not find favour with the conservative, who will say cut this or retrench that, but if the Colony is to advance as it should, and it still lags far behind modern standards in many respects, it must have these amenities and if it must have them it must pay for them. The estimates have already been pruned to what must be considered an excessive degree by idealists who may condemn Government for having failed in the middle of a total war to build Jerusalem with its hospitals and health centres, its colleges and schools, in Hongkong's green and pleasant land.

## MIDDLE COURSE

We have tried to steer a middle course and have followed the golden mean of practicality as against the extremes both of ultra conservatism and radical change.

As I have already stated these draft estimates involve a deficit of seven million dollars. The one per cent increase on the rates already referred to will, if approved, reduce that deficit to roughly \$850,000. How is that to be met?

Your Excellency has already signed orders increasing by ten cents per gallon the duty on heavy oils to be used as fuel for heavy oil road vehicles and imposing a duty of ten cents per gallon on other hydrocarbon oils at present untaxed, which are estimated to bring in \$1,000,000 per annum, and in order further increasing the duties on liquor which are estimated to bring in \$850,000 per annum.

It is proposed to increase the Entertainments Tax, to increase Estate Duty and impose a new tax on table waters, and in order to that effect under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance has

## INCREASED DUTIES ON LIQUOR, FUEL OILS

New and increased duties on liquor and fuel oil, effective from yesterday, were announced in Government Gazettes Extraordinary.

Liqueurs, champagne and other sparkling wines of Empire origin are increased in duty from \$14.25 per gallon to \$18 while similar products of other origin remain unchanged at \$26.

Brandy of Empire origin is increased from \$8.25 to \$16 per gallon and that of other origin from \$20 to \$24.

For the first time duty is imposed upon gin, whisky and other spirituous liquors of Hongkong origin. The duty is fixed at \$16 per gallon. The same duty applies to products of Empire origin which are increased from the former duty of \$12.50. Similar products of other origin are increased from \$20 to \$24.

## ONE WAY ONLY

It appears to me that there remains one way only to meet the remaining deficit which represents roughly the excess of war expenditure over war revenue and that is by increasing the war taxation. Although the War Revenue Ordinance has secured considerably more revenue than was anticipated it has failed to secure enough to meet the revised war expenditure either in the current year or in 1941-42.

The simplest way, and I must confess the way which first appealed to me, largely on account of its simplicity, is to increase the standard rates possibly by one half from 10 per cent, to 15 per cent, but I am satisfied that this would emphasise to an intolerable degree the inequities and imperfections of the present compromise taxes. I have already stated that it was estimated that the four taxes would bring in six million dollars per annum.

The revised estimate is \$9,700,000. But how is that composed? Salaries Tax is estimated to bring in \$1,000,000 as was anticipated. Property Tax \$2,300,000 against \$2,000,000 while Corporation and Business Profits should bring in \$6,400,000 against \$3,000,000, but this figure includes not less than \$5,500,000 in respect of Corporation Profits and only \$900,000 in respect of Business Profits, which is disappointingly small when it is remembered that businesses include all non-incorporated firms, and also professional men who do not pay Salaries Tax.

We seem to be faced with three alternatives, first to perpetuate and increase the existing inequity by increasing without other modification the existing rates, second to amend radically the present Ordinance with a view to spreading its incidence more fairly over the community, third without increasing drastically the present standard rates to revert to proper Income Tax which was the original proposal of this Government in 1939, and which Government has always considered to be the fairest form of taxation.

In this connexion I venture to quote my own words in introducing the War Revenue Bill in this Council in March of last year:

GOVERNMENT MEASURE

"The Government has accepted the recommendations of the War Revenue Committee and the bill which I am asking to have read today for the first time is a Government measure. It is, however, just and proper that I should state at this juncture that in the Government's view the taxation scheme framed in the bill will not be as equitable or as efficient a means of raising revenue as would be Income Tax measure on the lines which you and your advisers had in contemplation a few months ago."

It may seem anomalous that an Administration, with a competent majority on the Legislature, should deliberately promote one measure believing another to be its superior, but the explanation is not far to seek. This bill's principal purpose is to finance a not-inconsiderable free gift from public funds to His Majesty's Government and in such a case it would be improper to force upon the would-be donors by the use of that majority a taxation method to which the unofficial members of this Council had objected strongly and unanimously."

Far be it from me to seek to re-suscitate a controversy that is dead and buried, but Government has a right to invoke the cooperation of all in finding the best means of meeting war expenditure which, I am sure, everyone will agree is unavoidable.

Circumstances have altered considerably since Government accepted with expressed reluctance the recommendations of the War

Fung Kim-tai, master of junk No. 2928 HW, reports that on Christmas Day, while he was sailing off Sam Mun, he was stopped by a Japanese warship. Six Japanese came on board and took away his licence.

The motion was carried.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Many relatives and friends of the students were present to witness the fifteenth Commencement Exercises of the Shanghai Bethel Bible Seminary held last evening in the Munsang College auditorium, Kowloon City.

A special service will be held in the auditorium at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday when four groups of young evangelists will be commissioned by the Bethel Mission to preach in occupied and free China as well as the war zone.

The Rev. Samuel E. Boyle, of the American Reformed Presbyterian Mission, Takling, Kwangtung, will speak at the special service.

## HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Jan. 15.—Diphtheria, five cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Dysentery, nine cases; Tuberculosis, 16 cases.

Revenue Committee and though Government does not propose to repudiate that acceptance it feels, in view of the change in the financial position and the situation disclosed by the actual receipts from the four war taxes, that the principles on which the taxation is based should be reconsidered.

## RE-EXAMINATION

I am accordingly authorised by Your Excellency to state that you propose to reconstitute the War Revenue Committee and to refer the matter to it for re-examination and advice. I venture, in passing to invite the attention of Honourable Members to the fact that expenditure on the War Taxation Department itself both this year and next has been and will be kept considerably lower than the original estimate.

It only remains for me to add that the detailed preparation of the estimates of expenditure has been in the preparation of the competent hands of Mr. Todd, who has also been responsible for the preparation of the memorandum which accompanies it.

AMENDMENT MOVED

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## GUNPLAY NOT ENCOURAGED IN COLONY

## HEAVY SENTENCE AT SESSIONS

"We do not encourage gunplay in this Colony," said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday in passing sentence of seven years' hard labour on CHEUNG WAN, 21, who was found guilty on counts of shooting with intent and with possession of arms.

Cheung was charged with shooting, with intent, at P.C. D288, Chung Shu-cho, and shooting at Pang Kwong with intent to do grievous bodily harm, in Kowloon. Defendant had pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Det.-Insp. A. E. Carey, prosecuted, and the following comprised the jury:—Messrs. P. Chesser (Foreman), Sun Hem-lai, J. H. van der Laan, Yuen Kam-fu, Wong Yuk-yue, Mok Maw-yen and A. W. S. Ramsay.

## SUSPICIOUS MANNER

About 1.30 p.m. on Dec. 13 Pang Kwong noticed two men, one of whom was accused, acting in a suspicious manner in Lai-chik Road. There was a money-changer's shop in the vicinity and he thought the men had designs on this shop.

In a statement from the dock, accused said that while walking in the street he was jostled twice by Pang, who later also wanted to search him but could not produce any proof that he was a police officer.

Accused said that when he saw the constable he took fright as he knew he (accused) had a revolver on him. He went into a scavenging lane to throw the weapon away. While taking out his revolver it got caught and was accidentally fired.

## POLICE REPORTS

Mrs. Jerebo, of No. 4, Hart Avenue, reports that while she was playing with a cat in her house on Jan. 14, she was bitten on both arms by the animal. She was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment while the animal was sent to Mataukok for observation.

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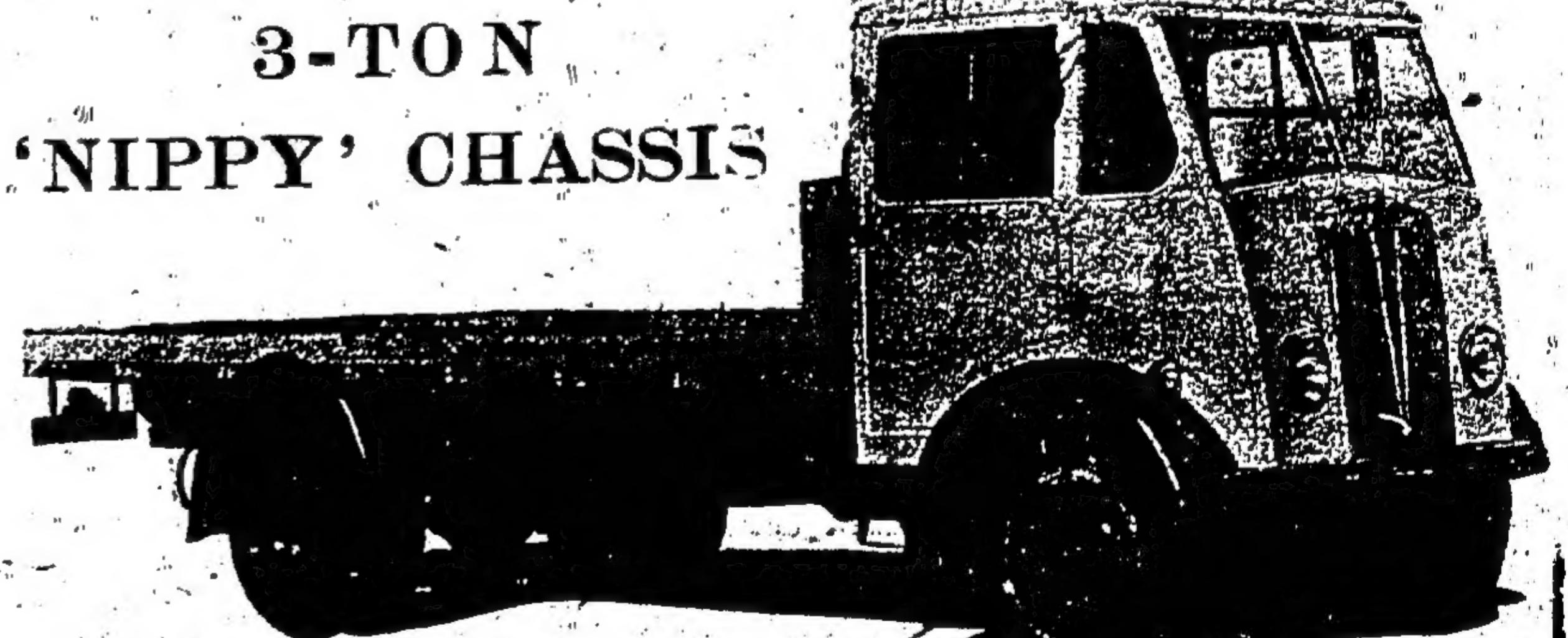
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and

In the Matter of the Companies Ordinance No. 39 of 1932.

NOTICE is hereby given that by an Order dated the 3rd day of January, 1941, the Court has directed a meeting of the members of the above-named Company to be convened for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving, with or without modification, a scheme of compromise and arrangement proposed to be made between the said Company and the holders of the Founders' shares of the said Company, its Directors, officers and employees.

The said Meeting will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at No. 38, Bonham Strand, West, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Monday, the Third day of March, 1941, and all members are requested to attend.

A print of the said scheme of compromise and arrangement can be seen and forms of proxy obtained at the office of the Liquidators at No. 38 Bonham Strand West aforesaid or at the office of their Solicitors Messrs. Ts'o & Hodgson of first floor, Prince's Building, Victoria aforesaid.

Members may attend such Meeting and vote in person or by proxy, provided that all proxies are deposited with the Liquidators at their office aforesaid not later than 24 hours before the time fixed for holding the said Meeting.

The Court has appointed Mr. Leung Shui Chow, or failing him, Mr. Chan Fook Hung to act as Chairman of the said Meeting, and has directed such Chairman to report the result of the said Meeting to the Court.

The above-mentioned scheme will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1941.

TS'O & HODGSON,  
Solicitors for the Liquidators.

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IN THE SUPREME  
COURT OF HONG  
KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of  
GUSTAV OTTO AMANN  
late of No. 24 Conduit Road  
Victoria in the Colony of  
Hongkong, Engineer deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 1st February, 1941.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

DEACONS.

Solicitors for the Administratrix,  
1, Des Voeux Road Central,  
Hong Kong.

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No person shall be eligible to bid at the sale who has not previously delivered to the auctioneer a written approval signed by His Excellency the Governor or by an officer duly authorised by him in that behalf. Such approval to be applied for at the Colonial Secretary's Office not later than 18. 1. 41.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

DUTIABLE COMMODITIES  
ORDINANCE.

THE CHINA FIRE  
INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LTD.

## N O T I C E .

Mr. A. H. K. Cobb has this day been appointed General Manager of this Company.

G. MISKIN,  
Chairman.

Hong Kong, 14th January, 1941.

GEN. CHIANG AND  
CHRISTIANITYPASTOR'S DREAM  
CAME TRUE

"History throughout the ages contains the record of many remarkable conversions but this conversion of the leader of China's 500,000,000 strikingly reveals the hand of God guiding the destinies of nations."

"The Generalissimo's conversion has been referred to as the most important event in Christian annals since the conversion of the Roman emperor, Constantine," declared Mr. K. S. Lee, when he spoke on the subject: "How Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek became a Christian" at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

Mr. Lee related the story of Gen Chiang's conversion, as told him by Pastor T. Z. Kuang, who baptised the Generalissimo 11 years ago.

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The speaker was thanked by Mr. S. W. Poon.

NAVAL AND AIR  
SUPERIORITY

EVIDENCE is accumulating, as day succeeds day, of the firm grip which the British Navy is continuing to maintain on the supremacy of the seas and the increasing superiority which Britain's air force is steadily securing in aerial warfare. Following immediately on the heels of the figures showing that British shipping losses have consistently decreased during the past three weeks, came news of the thrilling exploit of the sea and air action in the Mediterranean, in which combined German and Italian attempts to "scare the British Fleet out of the Mediterranean" completely failed.

The reduced shipping losses cannot be entirely attributed to bad weather conditions obstructing enemy submarine and aerial activity, though authoritative quarters in London have not entirely neglected this factor in reviewing the improved situation in regard to undersea and air attacks on merchant shipping. Reports of the persistent blasting which the British air force is carrying out on naval and air bases in Germany and German-occupied territory must undoubtedly have contributed to this present satisfactory state of affairs.

THE SUCCESSFUL action in the Mediterranean, however, confirms that the high state of efficiency and keenness of the men of the "silent service" and the air force to cripple the Axis attempts to break down the resistance of Britain's fighting strength and the spirit of the British people. Indeed, the details of the latest Mediterranean action is proof that the German attempt to go to the assistance of Italy has come far too late. The British Fleet in those waters, as a result of its previous convincing successes against the Italians, has established itself in a firmer position than it has ever held before and the fact that an important convoy, conveying essential supplies for the Greeks, was entirely undamaged and proceeded to its destination is an indication of the superior fighting qualities of the two services which shared in the British success. The determination and recklessness with which the attack on the convoy was carried out by the German air squadron is a sign of how desperately Herr Hitler wants to break down

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FLAMING PORTENTS IN  
THE SKY OF 1941:  
WAITING—FOR WHAT?

"We all recognise that in 1940 Herr Hitler held the initiative, but we have a feeling in our bones today that the initiative is now slipping from his hands," said Sir FREDERICK WHYTE, K.C.S.I., when he broadcast from London on Wednesday in the "Weekly News Letter" series.

"Behind all that has been happening in the past few weeks," said Sir Frederick, "there is a sense of expectation in the air. We seem to see the shadow of coming events, as though things are working to a climax. We are now in mid-winter and there are only six weeks to go before spring will be with us.

## THE INITIATIVE

"The armies of today do not go into winter quarters as they did in the old days and if you had been in London the other night you would not have described the second attempt to set London on fire as a lull in the war."

"The ordinary man-in-the-street is now waiting for something to happen and the question is whether Herr Hitler is fashioning some new thunderbolts to launch on the world. But does he know where to launch them? We all recognise that Herr Hitler held the initiative in 1940, but we have a feeling in our bones today that the initiative is now slipping from his hands.

"It is, therefore, plain that Herr Hitler will not be left free to strike when and where he pleases and he may be forced to strike with all his might before it is too late. Hitherto Herr Hitler has always prepared his plans in advance. He has been able to choose the moment to strike."

## DRIVEN BY FATE

"Today, it looks as he is not so complete a master of the situation and it seems as if fate is now driving him. There are countries and Governments in Europe today who no longer see him as they saw him last year. There has been a recent change in their behaviour and the stiffening of the attitude in the Balkan countries tells the same tale."

"We are not dealing with fantasies, but with facts and tendencies which show very clearly which way the wind is blowing."

Sir Frederick then referred to the new trade agreement which was signed between Soviet Russia and Germany. "The agreement of Jan. 10 is not exactly spectacular, but it provides interesting matter for speculation," he said. "There is nothing new in it and it seems unlikely that Germany will get Russian supplies this year as the result of the renewal of this trade treaty."

"There are no doubt many Russian products which may go across the Russian frontier to Germany, but any increase in these supplies in 1941 depends on transport, which has always been the weakest link in the Russian industrial system. The test of the economic

value of this agreement will have to be measured in the actual truck-loads that go across the frontier and there is a good deal of speculation on this point.

## SIGNIFICANT POINT

"But an even more significant point for the commentator outside Germany is that all these talks between Russia and Germany have revealed no sign of Russian interest in or approval of the German intentions or German plans in the Near East. The Russians apparently see no reason to be interested and seem to be perfectly confident of maintaining their neutrality."

"But it is also evident that Russia intends to conclude no 1941 economic agreements with states other than Germany and there is much speculation in London about this. The United States will, therefore, have to acquire more definite assurances that American exports to Russia will not be allowed to pass into Germany."

## UNPARALLELED EVENT

"And that takes me to the other side of the world—to that event in the West which stands out in sharp contrast to the Russian-German trade agreement. I refer to the bill to provide American aid to the free people defending the liberty of the world. Though the bill mentions no country by name, it is known now as the bill to assist China, Greece and Great Britain. It must be accepted as an unparalleled event in the present war. The great London Times was right in describing the bill as unparalleled."

"It gives the President practical power to obtain for us the whole shooting box as our American friends would term it. The bill authorises the President to sell, transfer, lease, lend or otherwise make available American supplies to any such Government as needs help."

## CHIEF GUARANTEE

"The bill will be scrutinised, criticised and amended, but it can hardly fail to pass. The chief guarantee that it will become law in the United States is that it has the backing not only of the President, but of his late Republican opponent, who has told his Republican friends that, though some modification may be necessary, it ought to be passed."

"The details of this measure are matters which the Congress and the President and the American people must settle in their own way. These are the flaming portents in the sky of 1941 and this American measure is the greatest of the signs of the time and shows the turn of the tide against which Herr Hitler will strive in vain."

Burmese Newsmen Wish  
China Early Victory

The Burmese people are full of sympathy with the Chinese cause and are eager to see the early advent of China's victory in her war of resistance. Out of China's present struggle and after the attainment of victory, it is hoped that a new, better and more enduring democracy will arise in the Orient.

This is the gift of a farewell message issued by Mr. U. Tun Than, deputy leader of the party of the visiting Burmese journalists. After having concluded a 3-week good-will visit to wartime China, the party left Chengtu yesterday by air for Kunming on its way of return to Burma. During their stay in China, the Burmese newspapermen visited Kunming, Chungking and Chengtu and called on many Chinese leaders.

Mr. Tun Than expressed thanks for the cordial reception given by the Chinese officials and people during their visit. He said that he and his colleagues were deeply impressed by what they had seen in China and thereby had acquired a better knowledge and understanding of the Chinese people.

## GREATER INTEREST

After having studied the conditions in China, especially her efforts at reconstruction, Mr. Tun Than said that he was convinced that China will surely emerge victorious. He promised that, upon the party's return to Burma, it will do its utmost to stimulate greater interest in Chinese affairs among

the Burmese people and further promote the friendly relations between the two countries.

Mr. Tun Than further said that the Burmese people, fully sympathetic with the Chinese cause, will be glad to be of assistance in every way. He added that he hoped that the Yunnan-Burma highway can be forged into a chain of gold to cement the commercial and cultural bonds between China and Burma.

The party of Burmese newspapermen was seen off at the air-drome by a large party of Chinese civic leaders at Chengtu and Chungking where the plane stopped briefly. They were presented with banners and other symbols of goodwill.—(Central News).

## CHESS ENTRIES

Seven entries for the Colony Open Junior Chess Championship have been received to date, it was revealed yesterday by Mr. A. Kurrik, secretary of the Colony Chess Championship Committee.

The players who have entered are D. Drake, R. C. Gardner, J. Grefalda, V. V. Kolatchow, Wm. Lee, E. Petrov and A. C. Poupard.

JUNK PIRACY  
IN BRITISH  
WATERS

A report of a piracy between Tai Po and Peng Chau Island in British waters on Tuesday was made to the Police yesterday by a boatfolk, Tsang Tam, 39, who had been taken into custody when officers of a Police launch searched a junk near Ta Lok Wan on Wednesday.

Brought to Tai Po Police Station yesterday morning, Tsang claimed that he was sailing with his brother, Tsang Chung, on boat No. 1796P for Peng Chau Island when they were stopped near Port Island by a pirate vessel. A warning shot was fired by the pirates who came on board and commanded the boat.

He was locked up in the hold with his brother, Tsang further stated, though the latter was taken on deck in the morning and he did not come out till the late afternoon. He found the vessel to be off Ta Lok Wan and sighted the pirates making off up the hillside. Police Launch No. 1 was in the immediate vicinity.

Tsang Chung has not been found since.

## NEWSSETTES

The Chinese Recreation Club will hold a general meeting at its club house on Sunday at 4 p.m.

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Kong Jong, of No. 508 Nathan Road, and Miss Wong Yee-ho, of No. 17 Poplar Street, is announced at the Registry.

The remains of the late Mrs. Muriel Edith de Bier, who died at the Queen Mary Hospital, were cremated yesterday at the Hindu Crematorium.

The Canton University English Club has received acknowledgement from President Roosevelt in reply to their congratulatory message on the occasion of his re-election.

The funeral of Detective P.C. 519 Ip Hung, who was shot dead by a gunman in Kuk Hing Street, Tai O District, on Wednesday night, will take place tomorrow, the procession leaving Kowloon Public Mortuary at 3 p.m. All available Chinese constables off duty will attend in uniform.

A decree absolute was granted to Mrs. Enid D. Germ against Mr. A. Germ by Commissioner N. E. Lurton in the U. S. Court of Shanghai, on January 8. Mr. J. B. Davies represented the plaintiff.

The death occurred on January 7, at Shanghai, of Harry Latham, aged 36 years, husband of Mrs. Alma Latham and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Latham of Bolton, England. Funeral services were held on January 8, at the Bubbling Well Chapel.

The death occurred on January 9, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, of Jean Darroch, aged 11 years and three months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shields. The funeral (cremation) service was held in the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel on January 11.

The death occurred on January 9, in Shanghai, at his home in Cathay Mansions, of Roy Emory Gililand, aged 53 years, husband of Mrs. Helen F. Gililand, General Manager and Vice-President of Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd. Funeral services were held on January 11, at the Chapel of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiao Chow Road.

The death occurred on January 10, at his residence, 374 Route Ferguson, Shanghai, of Kum Hon-Sun, aged 82 years; Comprador of the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Ltd., for fifty years. Encoffinment ceremony was held on Jan. 12, in the Hall of the Happy Garden (Loh Yuan) Funeral Home, corner of Great Western and Tungshui Roads.

The party of seven Burmese journalists who arrived at Chengtu from Chungking by plane on Tuesday last, were entertained at a dinner reception by Mayor Yu Chung-ying the same evening. The visiting journalists are making a goodwill tour in "Free China," for the purpose of promoting closer relations between Burma and China. They were received in Chungking recently by Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek and by other high Chinese Government officials.

# HULL'S URGE FOR SPEEDY SUPPLY

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The new lead by Mr. Cordell Hull did much to secure the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill through Congress yesterday, when he appeared before the Foreign Affairs Committee and delivered the most severe indictment of aggressor nations he has yet made anywhere.

Much of his attack was directed against Japan. He put actions of that nation into the perspective from which both the Administration and State Department view those actions.

It is agreed that seldom has such an indictment of one country been delivered by a Foreign Minister of another while the nations concerned are at peace, and Mr. Hull's statement is regarded here as a clear warning to Japan that America is not prepared to stand by and see the subjugation of half the world's population.

**NOTICE TO JAPAN**

It is also regarded as a notice to Japan that her threats to the United States have been noted and, for the sake of American safety and security, taken at face value and this country is preparing for all eventualities which the actions of Japan or any other aggressor may create.

After stating the peaceful intentions of American policy, Mr. Hull referred to the three nations which had made it abundantly clear by word and deed that they are determined to repudiate and destroy the foundation of civilised world order under law and enter upon the road of armed conquest and subjugation of other nations and of tyrannical rule over their victims.

**FATAL DIRECTION**

Mr. Hull then bluntly declared the first step in this fatal direction had occurred in the Far East when Japan forcibly occupied Manchuria in contravention of the Nine-Power Treaty and Kellogg Pact after which the equilibrium of the Far East, which had been established by the Washington Conference, became seriously disturbed.

Japanese control was marked by the carrying out of policy discrimination which had forced out American and other foreign interests, he said.

During the following years, Mr. Hull added, Japan went steadily on in preparation for expansion by force of arms, intensifying the construction of military and naval armaments and undertaking actions directed towards the extension of her domination over China and involving the disregard and

of the principles of the Kellogg Pact after which the equilibrium of the Far East, which had been established by the Washington Conference, became seriously disturbed.

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**HITLER TO****ENCIRCLEMENT OF JAPAN**

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which Mr. Matsuoka says he desired in the relations between Australia and Japan.

Mr. P. C. Spender, the Australian War Minister, said yesterday that nothing he had said in his broadcast from Singapore was incompatible with the remarks made by President Roosevelt to the American Congress.

The Australian Minister for External Affairs commenting on Mr. Matsuoka's statement, said that mutual understanding was the basis for the recent appointment of Ambassadors.

There were cordial relations between Australia and Japan and it was in this connexion that he welcomed Mr. Kawai as the first Japanese Minister to Australia.

**DRIFT OF DEVELOPMENTS**

TOKYO, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The leading vernaculars this morning raised a unanimous chorus of concern regarding the drift of developments in South Eastern Asia.

Alleging Anglo-American "manoeuvres" to dominate Indo-China and block Japan's co-operation sphere the HOCHI SHIMBUN warns those nations to be on guard.

The Press views the resumption of commerce between France and Indo-China as evidence of a secret understanding with Britain.

The ASAHI SHIMBUN says that badly needed goods are pouring into Haiphong via Macao from Hongkong. The paper adds: "It is felt that Britain is operating behind the Indo-China Government, at least no such thing would

# VIGOROUS BOMBING OF TOBRUK

## SAND-STORMS DIE DOWN

The heaviest sand-storms in Libya have now died down, making it easier for the Imperial forces to bring up their equipment for the attack on Tobruk, states a London message.

British guns have been carrying out a vigorous bombardment, but the Italian air force has given the Tobruk garrison no more help than they gave the garrison at Bardia.

**MORE AMAZED**

A correspondent describes the difficulties of the Imperial troops across the desert even in the absence of sand-storms. The more he saw of the conditions there, the more he was amazed at how the British army could have been allowed to reach Tobruk at all.

The correspondent also describes the fortifications of Bardia, which he said was a natural fortress. It was built in a ravine and there was a network of caves around the fort, with nearly 30 feet of rock above it.

## WHY THERE IS NO INVASION —YET

The German public are beginning to wonder why the long promised invasion has not taken place yet, states a London message.

The Volksicher Beobachter argues that there has been no invasion because it is better to keep the British people living under the strain of nervous waiting for the attack.

The Germans will find that the strain will tell more on the nerves of the German people than on the people of Britain, concludes the message.

**NO CHANGE**

The latest communiqué issued from Cairo states: "No change in the situation. On all fronts active patrolling continues. The Imperial forces are consolidating their positions for the coming attack."

TOKYO, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—In an effort to drive home to the Japanese people the mounting danger of conflict in the Pacific in consequence of the "increasingly overt American hostility towards Japan, Germany and Italy," the National Service Association is launching a nationwide series of lecture meetings.

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## INVADE EIRE SHORTLY?

### ACHILLES HEEL OF BRITISH EMPIRE

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—"Hitler will act shortly—perhaps in a few weeks," declared the exiled German leader, Otto Strasser, when interviewed by the independent French agency.

He believes that Hitler will strike in Ireland and Syria.

"Hitler has modified last year's invasion scheme and evolved a plan for the blockade and invasion of Britain with the conquest of Ireland as the goal.

"Ireland is regarded by theorists as the Achilles heel of the British Empire."

He discusses the possibility of letting loose an Army of parachutists and transport planes over Ireland which Hitler would "defend" against British intervention.

**INVASION BASE**

"Hitler hopes, at a price of a few hundred or even a few thousand planes, to gain in three days a formidable invasion base against Britain."

"I believe that he would invade Ireland rather than make an attack against Egypt or Gibraltar. The danger points to which the attention of Britain should be drawn are Ireland and Syria."

It is possible without Indo-China co-operation with Britain."

The MIYAKO SHIMBUN fears "underhand measures by Britain and America in the Siam and Indo-China dispute."

**CABLE****CAPT. CYRIL FALLS ON**

## THE FIGHTING IN ALBANIA: THE GREEK VICTORIES

"I hope none of us have forgotten what we owe the Greeks—They were the first people in Europe to resist the Axis Powers and to invade Axis territory," said CAPTAIN CYRIL FALLS, military correspondent of The Times, when he broadcast in London yesterday on the nature of the war in Albania and how it compares with the operations in Libya.

"We owe them a great debt. The Greeks have no railways, except the one that runs to Salonika and Florina and therefore there are only two methods of advance in mountain warfare. The first is the one practised on the Indian frontier against tribesmen armed with rifles and without modern artillery. By this method troops can press along the road up to the crowned heights by pushing detachments on either side of the road and driving the enemy beyond rifle range of the road."

"Our Indian troops are skilful in this sort of warfare and the British regiments on the frontier have learnt their technique. The only fear is riflemen in the hills as the enemy dare not hold the roads by himself."

"GREEK TACTICS

"In operating against a modern army in the mountains, crowning the heights will not be enough and it is necessary to bring the enemy down from the positions they command before the roads can be used."

"Already we see that Germany in the knowledge of being master of Rome, is slowly dropping the pretext of equality." Mr. Cross continued. "Italian help is no longer needed now, he said, and the status of the ally of Hitler is much more dangerous than the status of his enemy."

"WIDEN RIFT

"The latest developments of the Italo-German relations had a good deal to do with Marshal Badoglio's resignation. Weakness of morale, he added, was piled on Italy's natural economic and industrial weakness and every new defeat would progressively widen the rift between Fascist leadership and the best elements in that mis-guided nation."

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## Strike Hard At Weakest Point In Axis Armour

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—Because it may not be possible for Britain to fully engage her real enemy Germany for some time to come, said the British Minister of Shipping, MR. RONALD CROSS, in a broadcast to the United States early yesterday, it is much more necessary to strike hard and even harder at the weakest point in the Axis armour—the Mediterranean.

Meanwhile, he added, Germany would continue to receive British attention "in the air, and at sea and with the weapon of blockade." Mr. Cross declared that Britain is getting her second wind and that the Nile army had become the spearhead of Britain's offensive.

People in Britain is confident of victory, not so much because of the lack of fighting qualities in the Italian soldier as in the anomalies of Italy's military economic situation.

**NEGLECTED EQUIPMENT**

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The British War Fund passed the £100,000 mark this morning, thus enabling the purchase of an entire squadron for the R. A. F. to be known as the British China Squadron.

The type of plane to be bought has been left to the decision of the Air Ministry.

**FOR SPITFIRES**

BATAVIA, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The subscription of the Netherlands East Indies Spitfire fund has now reached over 1,000,000 guilders.

The East Indies have thus far forwarded money for 27 Spitfires apart from 18 bombers and 40 Spitfires which were presented to the British Government from other subscriptions.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—Through the intervention of the French Ambassador, M. Henri Cosme, the French Indo-China authorities has agreed in principle to release Chinese goods detained by them since the blockade of the Yunnan-Indo-China Railway, according to the Chinese press. Full details of the agreement, however, have yet to be worked out, it is added.

**"ENVY THE PERSON WHO WEARS ONE"**



## BANNERS PRESENTED TO KWANGSI LEADERS

KWEILIN, Jan. 16 (Central)—On behalf of the Chungshan Y.M.C.A. Wartime Service Squad from Hong Kong, Messrs. Chen Hui-ying, Tai Chou and Chen Chi presented banners to Generals Li Tsung-jen, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces in the Fifth War Zones; General Pal Chung-hai, Chief of the Board of Military Training of the National Military Council; General Huang Hsu-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, and General Li Chi-sum, Director of the Generalissimo's Provisional Headquarters in Kwei Lin, as a token of respect.

General Li Chai-sum, thanking for the gift, paid a tribute to the Chungshan Y.M.C.A. for its work in connexion with the relief of wounded soldiers and refugees.

**DO NOT CONTROL**

A Spanish newspaper says: "From the commercial point of view, the Mediterranean route remains open to British merchant ships. From a military point of view, the waters of the Mediterranean Sea can still serve the purpose of sending reinforcements to Greece or North Africa."

**DO NOT CONTROL**

The Italians now admit that they don't control even the narrowest part of the Mediterranean, says a London message.

A statement issued in Rome stated that it was becoming increasingly clear that Italy must try to control its channels of communication across the Mediterranean to make convoys effective

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Goebbels—"Why Should I Lie to You"; "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie"; "Another Little Lie Wouldn't Do Us Any Harm."

**DO NOT CONTROL**

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## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

## AT CENTRAL

## CABLE DAMAGED

Charged with stealing two pieces of cable at Kennedy Road, near Macdonell Road, on Jan. 14, and previously on Jan. 11, stealing seven yards of cable, property of the military authorities. Chan Ming, 20, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday when he was sentenced to four months' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion.

Det.-Sgt. T. Cashman said that damage done to the cable and the magazine was \$320.

## FALSE PRETENCES

Cheung Ming, 23, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Lowry on a charge of obtaining \$27 from Chan Kwai-hang, student, by means of false pretences at No. 36, Russell Street on Nov. 4, and was remanded till tomorrow.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Bentley prosecuted.

## MAINTENANCE ORDER

A provisional maintenance order was made against G. H. Blok on a summons for maintenance brought by Mrs. Blok, alias Chan Yuet-heng, by Mr. Sheldon yesterday. Defendant is in Singapore.

## TSE FA LOTTERY

Before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, Kwok Kwei, 32, and Mak Fuk, 40, woman, were charged with keeping common gaming houses for tse fa lottery at No. 24, Tai Wong Street East, first floor, and No. 9, Canal Road East, ground floor, respectively, and were fined \$50 each.

Charged with a similar offence at No. 145, Lockhart Road, first floor, Ma Ching had \$75. ball estreated.

Chan Kwei, 30, widow, charged with keeping a common gaming house at No. 202, Hollywood Road, third floor, had ball of \$50 estreated.

Chau Sang-chuen, 25, and Lui Po, 44, were similarly charged in connexion with po tse at No. 11, Wing Sing Street, first floor.

Lui was fined \$30. Chau and the six others had their ball of \$50 and \$3 each, respectively, estreated.

A total of \$17.15 picked up in the raids was placed in the Poor Box.

## SIX MONTHS' GAOL

Pleading guilty to stealing two tricycles, valued at \$80 and \$80, from Huan Kam-chuen, shop foki, and unlawful possession of offensive weapons on Jan. 1, before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, Ng Chun-wah, 25, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

## IMPORTING NOTES

Lo Tak-shan, 31, and Ho Yeung, 23, shop foki, were charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday for importing on Board s.s. Shirogane Maru, on Jan. 15, \$250,000 Chinese banknotes without lawful authority.

Mr. F. I. Zimmern said the defendants were employees of a certain bank in the Colony.

Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern prosecuted.

A fine of \$30 each was imposed.

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS:

## NOT GUILTY VERDICT IN ARMS POSSESSION TRIAL

After a short retirement, the jury returned a unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty" in the case in which Hui Hung alias Hui Pulung was arraigned before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams yesterday on the charge of unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Sgt. E. Morris, Officer-in-Charge of Ping Shan Police Station, prosecuted. The jury comprised Messrs. G. J. Pissarevsky, Kuo Chiu-chuen, Ma Kam-shing, Lau Hin-cheung, Lam Shiu-wan, Lee Yue-wai, and Kwan Shing-cho.

The case for the Crown was that at about 1 a.m. on Dec. 23, 1940, a Police party headed by Sgt. Morris and an informer went to Lau Fau Shan, arriving there at about 2:15 a.m. There were about 12 boats moored off the foreshore, among which was defendant's boat which was about 10 feet from the water's edge.

## LOADED RIFLE

The Police then proceeded to search the hold and found a rifle loaded with one round of ammunition. Search of another hold revealed nothing, but by the side of the hold was found a revolver, loaded with three rounds, hidden under some straw.

When charged, accused made a statement denying ownership of the arms and ammunition of

claimed that they were planted on his junk.

After evidence had been given by Sgt. Morris, Sgt. Perkins (Police Armourer) who testified that the rifle was in good working-order but had not been fired for some time, and that the revolver was very old and unserviceable.

Tang Yue, the Chinese detective-soldier, and Hui Sau-yau, the Police Interpreter, accused gave evidence on his own behalf.

## ARMS PLANTED

He stated that he was an oyster breeder and had been carrying on business for a long time at Lau Fau Shan, and known to the fishermen in the vicinity. He claimed that the arms had been planted on his junk.

Evidence was given by defendant's 10-year-old son, and his wife, both of whom denied all knowledge of the arms and ammunition.

In his summing up, his Lordship reminded the jury that the defendant had maintained throughout the whole time he was arrested to the time he gave evidence in the box, that he knew nothing of the arms and ammunition and that they must have been planted on his junk.

He directed the jury that if they believed his story they must return a verdict of not guilty. The same verdict must be returned if they have any reasonable doubt as to his guilt.

## EDUCATION REPORT

The further influx of both Chinese and foreigners into Hongkong in 1939 due to the continued unsettled conditions in China was responsible for a record maximum enrolment in Colony schools of 118,193, an increase of 14,059 over the 1938 enrolment; which was itself a record, according to the annual report of the Education Department tabled in Legislative Council yesterday.

## AT KOWLOON

## ALLEGED KIDNAPPERS

Appearing before Major A. N. MacLaiden yesterday on a charge of abducting a 15-year-old girl, Yuen Fung-king, four defendants, including two women, were remanded for another week.

Accused were Chan Hing, 38, travelling trader, Lam Mui-siu, 17, spinster, Lam Loi, 50, caterer, and Wong Liu, 43, married woman.

## STOLE A SAMPAN

Convicted of stealing a sampan on board trading junk No. TI759H at Hunghom Ferry wharf, Cheung Sze, 25, was fined \$30 or in default six weeks' hard labour by Mr. E. Hinsworth yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnson said that a man had been sent to the country to bring the girl back. Defendants were arrested as a result of a letter received by the Police from the abducted girl from the country.

During the year under review, the Board of Education approved in principle the inclusion of women in the school inspectorate.

Special mention is made in the Report of the schools in the refugee camps provided by the Government for those Chinese who entered the Colony when the Sino-Japanese hostilities reached the borders of the New Territories.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Vocational schools maintained during the year were the evening institute, a collective name for the various evening classes organised by the Education Department, the Junior Technical School and the Government Trade School, where instruction was given in engineering, wireless telegraphy, draughtsmanship and other classes.

## PICTURES OF HAVOC

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## GENERAL



The Canadian interviewer, Rooney Pelletier, talking to two children sheltering in the children's section of the crypt of the Church of the Empire.

## Historic Edifices To Be Demolished Preparatory To Rebuilding London

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Dynamite is to be used to make the "City" of London safe. Hundreds of Royal Engineers and Pioneers arrived within the historic square-mile area today to speed up the work of demolition necessitated by the Nazis' "witch's Sabbath" of fire and destruction, writes S. Martin Chisholm in the Manila Bulletin.

The ruins of many structures stand in a dangerous condition, and the engineers have ordered the use of dynamite where necessary. This fate awaits many a historic church or hall whose walls have withstood the winds of centuries.

## LIST OF DEVASTATIONS

As the list of devastation is compiled, there comes to light the destruction of yet another building famous wherever men go down to the sea in ships. Trinity House on Tower Hill, home of the Trinity brethren who for centuries cared for the buoys, beacons and lighthouses which gave safe and sure guidance to ships approaching or passing the coasts of Britain.

Tonight, 72 hours after the Nazis' wanton and indiscriminate onslaught, the work of clearing up was still proceeding steadily and methodically. Every fire was long since under control, yet here and there in the square mile of the city, I found pumps which have hardly ceased to run since Sunday night, belching water on to the heaps of debris under which a few embers still tenaciously smouldered.

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## STARLING INLET ROBBERY

Besides those maintained by the Government, there were five day and four night unaided English vocational schools during the year.

Of medical inspection, the Report states that 5,887 examinations including re-examination and visual tests, were made during the year. Dental disease formed the largest group of defects. Short-sight was next in frequency.

In case of pupils attending Government schools, spectacles were provided when necessary.

## TWO MEN SENT TO GAOL

Wan Lam-yeung was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour when a unanimous verdict of Guilty was returned against him by the jury when he was arraigned before Mr. Justice Williams yesterday charged with robbing, with other persons, between 20 and 30 passengers of a junk in Starling Inlet, of various sums of money, property, and livestock, on Dec. 15, 1940.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Acting S. I. C. Mottram, prosecuted, and the jury comprised Messrs. A. C. Johnstone (Foreman), Tsui Wai-sun, L. A. Ozorio, Wing Sik-kwai, Loong Tsun-ying, Wong Man-kit and Lau Wan.

Yau Kau, also charged with robbery, pleaded guilty to charges of robbery and unlawful possession of arms and ammunition and was sentenced to two years.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 70 and the minimum 52. Total rainfall since January 1 is 0.45 inches against an average of 0.39.

The Royal Observatory report states—

An intense anticyclone remains centred to the north-west of Shanghai, and a depression over the Pacific to the east of Japan.

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## THE CITY "TAKES IT"

In London's greatest emergency, many of these canteens have been doing untiring service providing hot food and drink for the tireless fire workers. The city has

"taken it" and is carrying on without a hitch or an interruption in the tens of thousands of undamaged offices.

Glancing back as I returned down Ludgate Hill, I saw the massed fairy lights of the Christmas tree on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral, sending out steadfastly into the failing dusk their message of faith, hope and cheer.

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## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

### CLOSING QUOTATIONS

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Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/3.

Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/3.

Credits 4 months' sight.

On Shanghai—  
On demand 420.On Singapore—  
On demand 52 3/4.On Japan—  
On demand 102 1/2.On India—  
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 1/2.

and demand 82 1/2.

On New York—  
Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8.

Credits, 60 days' sight 24 1/8.

On Batavia—  
On demand 43 3/4.On Paris—  
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.

Credits 4 months' sight Nom.

On Saigon—  
On demand 101 1/2.On Manila—  
On demand 48 3/4.On Bangkok—  
On demand 149.On Sterling Notes—  
Bank Buying Rate ... Now.

Bar Silver per oz. .... 23 1/4.

### NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Jan. 15, 1941.

	High	Low	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.48	10.41	10.40	.06 up
New York Rubber, March	19.75	19.63	19.88	18.87 b 22 off
Chicago Wheat, May	87	86	87	unch.
Chicago Corn, May	63	62	63	.1 up
New York Hides, March	13.20	13.10	13.25	.14 off

NEW YORK COTTON Close Opening Closing Change

January 10.29 N 10.37/38 10.38 N .09 up

March 10.40/41 10.43/43 10.46/46 .06 up

May 10.40/40 10.44/44 10.48/48 .08 up

July 10.31/31 10.33/33 10.37/37 .06 up

October 9.83/83 9.86/88 9.96/98 .07 up

December 9.79/79 9.81b/83a 9.91/91 .12 up

Total sales Tuesday:—80,400 bales.

Last Notice Day for January Cotton is January 23, 1941 (Date of Delivery).

NEW YORK RUBBER

March 19.89/90 19.80b/85a 19.67b/70a 22 off

May 19.75b/80a 19.70b/77a 19.60/60 .15 off

July (New contract) 19.65b/89a 19.47b/67a 19.50/50 .15 off

September 19.50 N 19.57 A 19.35b .15 off

Total sales:—600 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May 87 1/87 1/87 87 1/87 1/87 unch.

July 82 1/82 1/82 82 1/82 1/82 .1 up

September 82 1/82 1/82 82 1/82 1/82 .1 up

Tuesday's sales:—5,388,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May 62 1/62 1/62 63 1/63 .1 up

July 62 1/62 1/62 63 1/63 .1 up

September 62 1/62 1/62 63 1/63 .1 up

Total sales for the day:—106 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

March 5.03 N 5.00b/07a 5.04 N .01 up

May 5.05 N 5.07/07. 5.11 N .02 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3:

March 2.00b/01a — 2.00b/01a unch.

May 2.06b/06a — 2.05b/06a unch.

Volume of business done:—153 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4:

March 77b/77a 78b/78a 74b/75a .02 off

May 80/80 80b/80a 77b/78a .02 off

Volume of business done:—97 lots

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

March 11.15b/23a 11.10b/23a 11.18b/25a .03 up

July 11.15b/19a 11.12b/23a 11.13b/21a .02 off

N.Y. Official Silver 34 3/4

NY-London Cross Rate 4.03 3/4

Cash

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was arranged at various rates. Closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 430 3/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3.1/2 and U.S. Dollars at 5.15/32, both sellers for spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

Sterling was again steady in the afternoon and U.S. Dollars were easier.

STERLING

A transaction was reported at 1/3 for April. The market closed with sellers at 1/3 1/2 January/February, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

The market opened with sellers at 23 3/8 for spot and buyers bidding 23 11/16 for cash.

The market closed at 23 9/16 for cash. The market closed with sellers at 23 9/16 for cash, buyers bidding 23 5/8 for cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Were offered at 434 without attracting buyers. Closed with sellers at 441, buyers at 445 for spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 1/2 and U.S. Dollars at 5.15/32.

Subsequently the rate eased off and sellers were quoted at 3 3/8 for spot and Dollars at 5.5/16 for spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 16 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

Opening

London 0/3-7/16

New York 5-7/16

Japan 23-1/8

India 18

Paris nominal

Hongkong 22-7/8

Sterling Sellers

Opening Closing

Spot 0/3-1/2 0/3-3/8

Jan. 0/3-31/64 0/3-23/64

Feb. 0/3-15/32 0/3-21/64

U.S. Dollars

Spot \$5-1/2 \$5-9/32

Jan. 5-1/2 5-1/4

Feb. 5-15/32 5-7/32

Market—Uncertain

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's

## FINNCE

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

JANUARY 16, 1941.

STOCKS

Last Sale

Jan. 15

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Last Sale

Jan. 15

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Last Sale

Jan. 15

ALLIS CHALMERS

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Jan. 15

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AMERICAN CYANAMID B.

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Last Sale

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Last Sale

Jan. 15

AMER. TEL. &amp; TEL.

Last Sale

Jan. 15

AMER. TOBACCO "B"

Last Sale

Jan. 15

AMER. WATERWORKS

Last Sale

Jan. 15

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Jan. 15

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**SYDNEY & MELBOURNE** via Manila.  
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• TOTTORI MARU Wednesday, 22nd Jan.  
• MURORAN MARU Monday, 3rd Feb.  
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## U.S. MOVING TO ACQUIRE BASE AT MARTINIQUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—There are good reasons to believe that the United States is seeking to establish naval and air bases in the French West Indies possessions in order to complete the ring of defences protecting the Panama Canal from the Caribbean. Cession or lease of a naval and air base at Fort de France, Martinique, and an air base on Guadalupe Island is being sought, writes Peter C. Rhoades, in the Manila Bulletin.

Negotiations are progressing at present both in Washington and Fort de France. According to reliable information, the problem was discussed at sea when President Roosevelt and Admiral Georges Robert, high commissioner of the French West Indies possessions, conferred during the President's recent cruise in the Caribbean.

Discussions at Washington between French Ambassador Henri Hayes and State Secretary Cordell Hull and between the American attaché, Robert Murphy, and French authorities at Martinique, paved the way for the direct discussions between Mr. Roosevelt and Admiral Robert.

### BOTH AT GUADALOUPE

On Dec. 8, the President called at Martinique and received aboard the USS *Tuscaloosa*, Naval Attaché Blankenship, Vice Consul Vinkler Blocker and two American representatives stationed at Fort de France.

Two days previously, Mr. Roosevelt had received authorisation from French Chief of State Marshal Henri Petain to carry on full discussion with French representatives, together with secret coded instructions on how to conduct such negotiations.

Mr. Roosevelt did not receive Admiral Robert aboard his ship while in Martinique, nor did he go ashore to speak to the high

### WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory  
10 a.m., Jan. 16.  
Barometer, (at sea level), 30.15  
Ins.  
Temperature, 63 F.  
Humidity, 79 per cent  
Wind Direction, S.E.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4  
Temperature: Maximum yesterday, 88 F.  
Temperature: minimum last night, 62 F.  
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.  
Total rainfall since January 1st, 0.45 ins.  
Against an average of 0.39 ins.  
Sunset tonight, 6.01 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.06 a.m.  
4 p.m., Jan. 16.  
Barometer (at sea level), 30.06 ins.  
Temperature, 67 F.  
Humidity, 68 per cent  
Wind Direction, E/S.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.  
Maximum temperature, 70 F.  
Minimum temperature, 62 F.  
Rainfall, nil.

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3321 Chow Mang-chow, 3322 Lee Tak-wai,

3354 Leung Chin-kwok, 3323 Leung Lee-sum,

3327 Lo Tuna, 3328 Mak Klu-sun,

3322 To Sin, 3333 Wu Fa-yuen, 3361 Wu Pok-ping, 3229 Yu Bor.

Western.—3354 Ho Kwei-lit,

3335 Lam Shut-in, 3336 Lo Kang-yan,

3357 Mak Sau, 3358 Pang Tung, 3359 Wong Kai-hon, 3247 Yau Hon-hing.

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314 Miss Ko Siu-ju, 3288 Leung Man-fai,

3269 Mak Kai-wah, 3290 Wan Yee,

3318 Wong Chun-ping, 3319 Miss Wong Yuen.

Fokulam.—3300 Hang Shun-ko

3310 Wan Siu-kwong, 3311 Lan Ka-pei,

3312 Lau On, 3313 Lee Chik-yuen,

3314 Leung Ho-cheung, 3315 Tang Kam-ko, 3316 Wong Kang-chau, 3317 Yan See-hong.

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3301 Ip Pei-hoi, 3301 Kwok Ling-fai,

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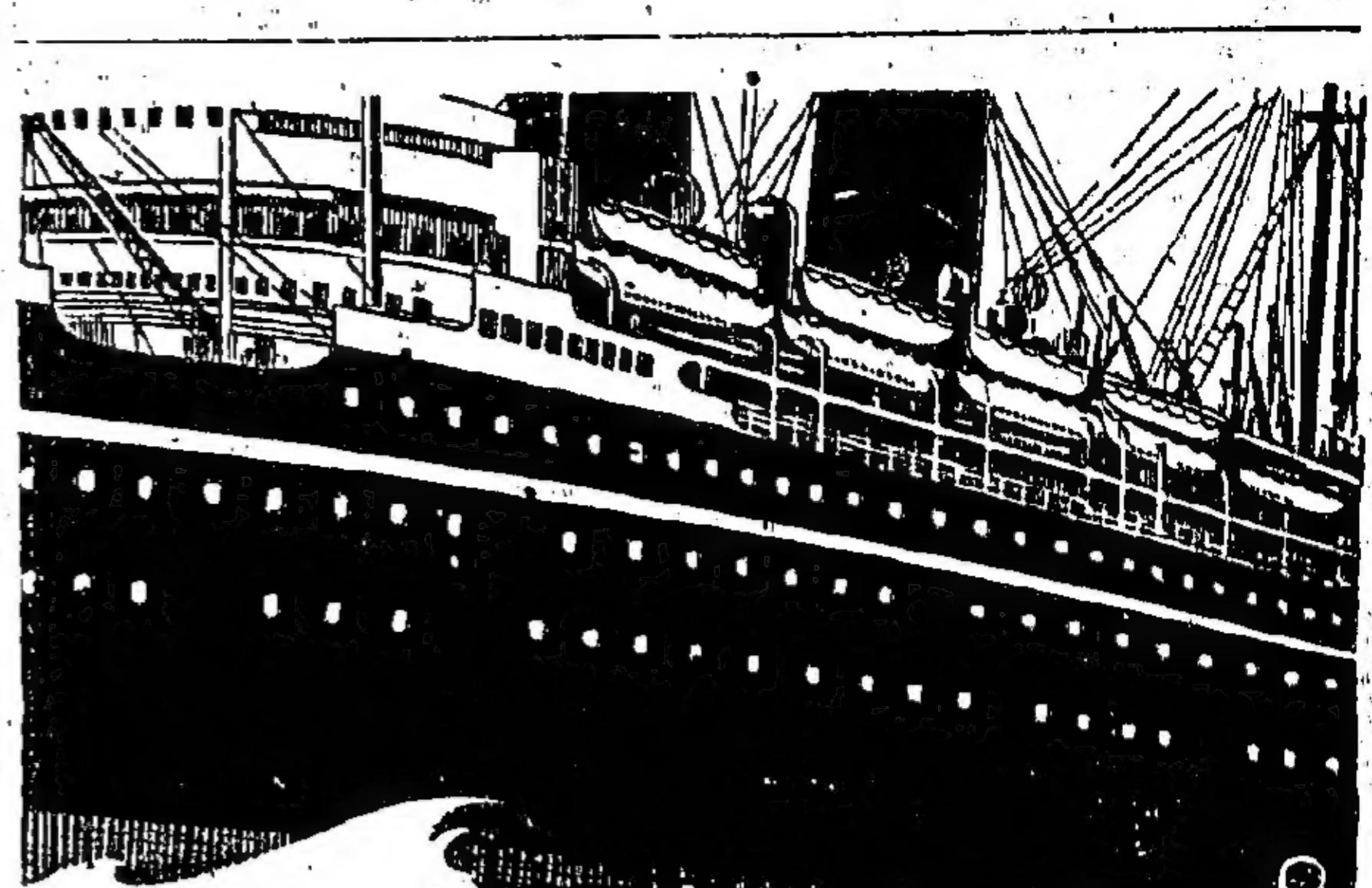
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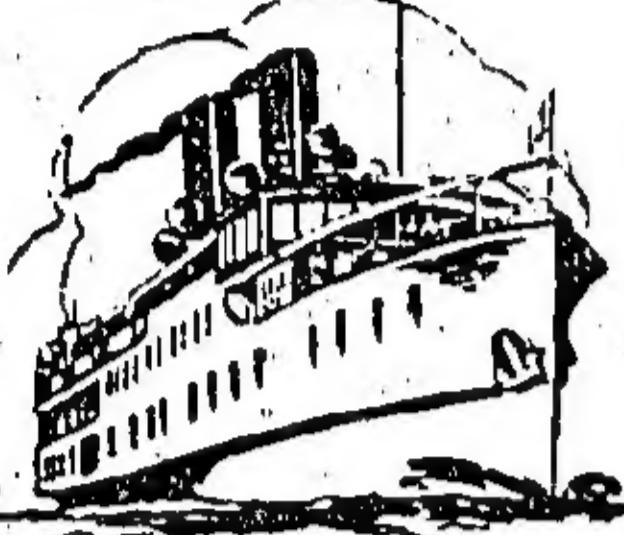
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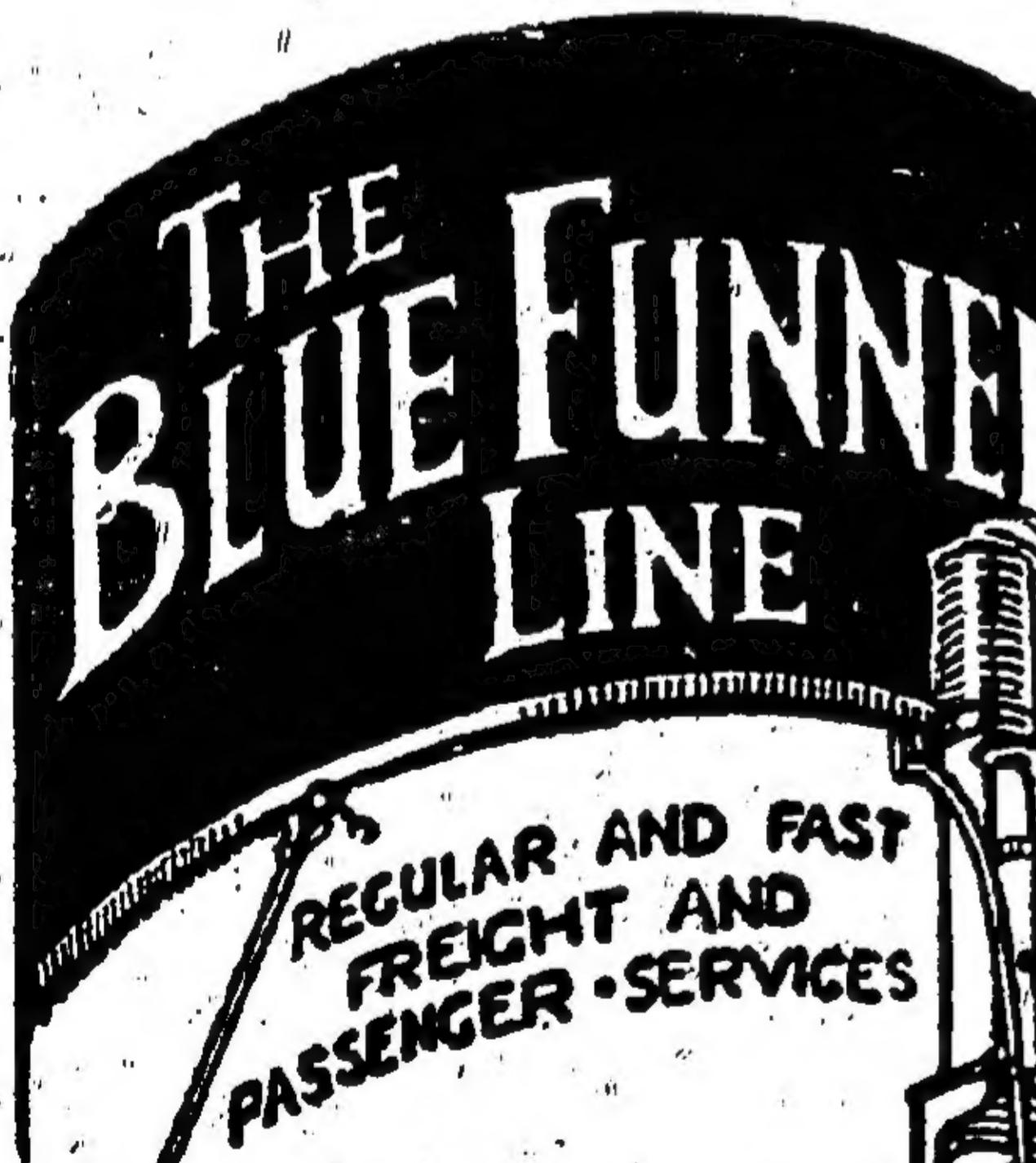
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## Masterpiece For White House

### CHINESE PROFESSOR PAINTS PICTURE FOR PRESIDENT

The White House at Washington will soon be decorated with a Chinese painting entitled "A Hundred Pigeons" by Professor S. C. Chang of Central University. It is being rushed to Washington in a Clipper plane. The painting was recently presented to President Roosevelt through Mr. Nelson Johnson, American Ambassador to China, at a meeting held at Chungking at which Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, Dr. H. H. Kung and Mr. Lo Chia-ien, president of Central University, were present.

#### 100 PIGEONS

Exactly 100 pigeons were painted in various colours by Professor Chang on a long scroll of paper, together with some trees and flowers. Each bird has its own form and they all are engaged in different activities in one painting which measures 14 feet in width and six feet in length. The pigeons which are said to symbolize peace and friendly relations between China and the United States, are all life-like and attracted a large crowd of high officials and diplomats at the presentation ceremony. On the right hand corner of the painting, General Chiang Kai-shek wrote four Chinese characters meaning "righteous peace."

#### REACH ON JAN. 20

This Chinese masterpiece of fine arts is expected to reach America before January 20 so that it may be hung inside the White House just before President Roosevelt is officially inaugurated as president for his third term.

It took Professor Chang the whole summer to finish the work while Japanese planes were continually bombing Chungking. Professor Chang himself handed over the painting to Mr. Johnson and spoke a few words explaining the motive of the presentation to the American President.

### IS IT ONLY A RUMOUR

That an elderly lady asked a policeman in a Piccadilly Shelter to find her another place as she had never before slept next to a man?

That the Policeman intimated that it was never too late to start?

That a warden has been seen patrolling St. James' holding an umbrella over his head?

That the same warden steers or the Green Park Shelters?

That the Lavatory Attendant at the Piccadilly Circus Underground wants double pay for Friday and Saturday nights?

### BURMESE MISSION TO CHUNGKING

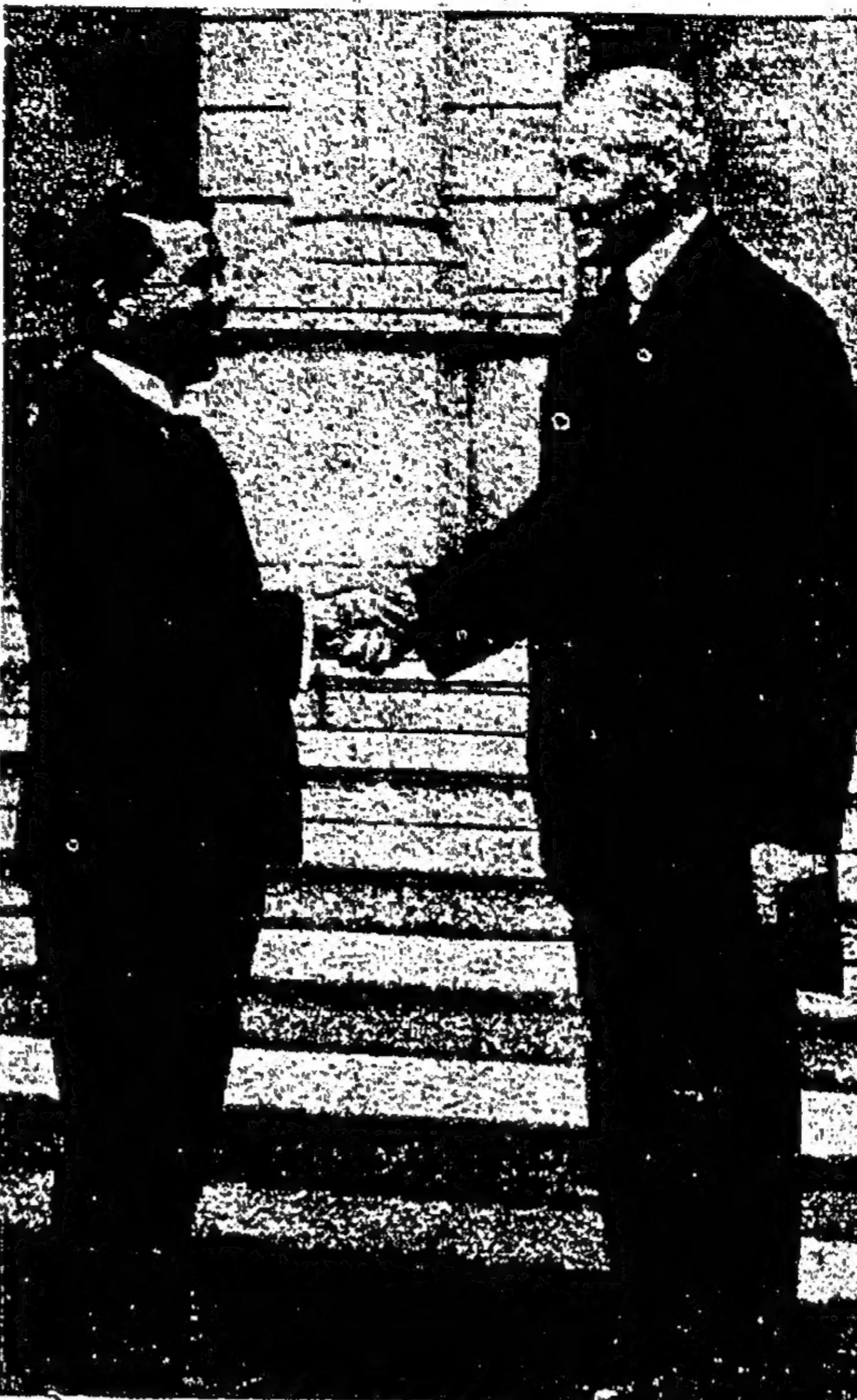
CHUNGKING, Jan. 18 (Reuter)—The Burmese Government Mission was expected to arrive here at 8 p.m. yesterday by air from Lashio.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The first contingent of United States soldiers to leave for the military bases acquired from Britain, sailed for Newfoundland on Wednesday aboard the former German liner Amerika.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 18 (Reuter)—The Chinese press reports that the new Sino-British trade agreement which will be signed in Chungking in a few days far exceeds the aggregate value of the recent Sino-Soviet agreement.

For driving a horse and van along a road closed to traffic because of an unexploded bomb, Joseph Hook, 17, a baker's roundsman, Elm-road, Shoeburyness, was fined £5 at Southend.

Binding over a seaman, Sidney Robert Piercy, 24, of Augustine House, Woodseer street, Stepney, on a charge of being concerned in stealing articles worth £35 10s 6d from a house, the Old-street magistrate said his condition was that Piercy would not frequent London.



Sir John Latham, newly-appointed first Australian Minister to Japan, being greeted by Mr. Koki Hirota, former Japanese Foreign Minister.

## British Patrols Exploring The Defences Of Tobruk

CAIRO, Jan. 16 (Reuter) — The period of waiting before the attack on Tobruk is essential not only on account of patrol activity to explore Tobruk's defences but also because of the necessity of storing up generous supplies of food, water and ammunition, writes Reuter's correspondent outside Tobruk.

"In this desert war, the quartermaster seems to have become almost as important as the fighting man," said one officer who explained that some idea of the Army of the Nile's present problems and past achievements could be got when the present campaign is expressed in terms of Britain itself.

The task of attacking Tobruk from the base at Alexandria or Cairo will be similar to that facing a hostile army trying to attack, say, Inverness, from London without any railway beyond York and with single road between York and Inverness, either indescribably bad or almost non-existent.

Add to this the complete absence of water supplies or petrol pumps anywhere along the route and sandstorm like a peasant fog totally obscuring the road and aerodromes for days at a time.

NATURAL FORTRESS

Actually the more I see of the Western Desert the more it seems clear that the British Army has no right to be outside Tobruk at all; Bardia's defences alone in the hands of anybody but the Italians might have occupied our troops for months.

I spent two days inspecting the Bardia defence zone and all officers and men to whom I have spoken expressed astonishment that the Italians surrendered after only 36 hours fighting. The whole defended area constitutes a natural fortress with deep ravines, with caves protected by many feet of solid rock, proof against any bomb or shell, and containing

### INSTRUCTION IN A.R.P. METHODS

To infuse proper air raid precaution methods into the minds of the Colony's residents, an A. R. P. mobile exhibition will be held in different parts of the Colony on various dates beginning Jan. 20.

The exhibition will be in the form of a short play, staged by groups of six A. R. P. wardens, during which various methods of covering up lighting apparatus and screening windows will be enacted.

The play is under the joint supervision of Mr. Wong Ka-tsun and Mr. Wong Po-lim, divisional wardens for Central Division "D" and Shaukiwan Division, respectively.

A rehearsal was staged at the A. R. P. Headquarters yesterday evening.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 18 (Reuter)—Fourteen Americans forming the first group of American ambulance drivers financed by the American Field Service left yesterday for South Africa in the Japanese ship Africa Maru. They include two multi-millionaires. All members of the party are scions of notable families.

## FOREIGN MAILED

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